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## SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

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THE following report of the financial condition of the town, Dec. 31, 1878, is respectfully submitted :—

### ALMSHOUSE ESTABLISHMENT.

ACCOUNT OF STOCK AT ALMSHOUSE, DEC. 31, 1878.

|                       |          |
|-----------------------|----------|
| 17 tons English hay,  | \$306 00 |
| 5 “ meadow hay,       | 45 00    |
| 3 “ straw,            | 36 00    |
| 2 “ corn fodder,      | 20 00    |
| 1 horse,              | 200 00   |
| 4 oxen,               | 275 00   |
| 8 cows,               | 320 00   |
| 1 two-year old,       | 28 00    |
| 1 bull,               | 50 00    |
| 12 swine,             | 115 00   |
| 40 fowls,             | 14 00    |
| 80 bushels corn,      | 52 00    |
| 4 “ beans,            | 8 00     |
| 36 “ rye,             | 36 00    |
| 9 “ meal,             | 5 13     |
| 150 lbs. fine feed,   | 1 65     |
| 165 bushels potatoes, | 165 00   |
| 50 “ small potatoes,  | 12 50    |
| 15 “ carrots,         | 6 00     |
| 10 “ turnips,         | 2 50     |
| 3 “ beets,            | 1 50     |

|                        |            |
|------------------------|------------|
| 97 lbs. bacon,         | \$9 70     |
| 100 " pork,            | 8 00       |
| 34 " lard,             | 3 06       |
| 8 " butter,            | 2 40       |
| 57 gallons vinegar,    | 17 10      |
| 40 barrels cider,      | 110 00     |
| 4 gallons soap,        | 50         |
| 1 barrel flour,        | 7 00       |
| Groceries,             | 15 00      |
| 5 barrels apples,      | 6 25       |
| 200 lbs. dried apples, | 12 00      |
| 6 tons coal            | 34 50      |
| 7 cords wood,          | 28 00      |
| Lumber,                | 110 00     |
|                        | <hr/>      |
|                        | \$2,062 79 |

## EXPENDITURES OF ALMSHOUSE.

|                              |          |
|------------------------------|----------|
| Groceries,                   | \$374 26 |
| Flour,                       | 254 50   |
| Grain,                       | 549 69   |
| Meat,                        | 469 53   |
| Fish,                        | 57 17    |
| Other provisions,            | 121 19   |
| Clothing and bedding,        | 283 02   |
| Boots and shoes,             | 120 10   |
| Household utensils,          | 62 79    |
| School books and stationery, | 10 14    |
| Furniture,                   | 5 00     |
| Labor,                       | 665 44   |
| Fertilizers and lime,        | 71 43    |
| Blacksmithing,               | 73 84    |
| Farming tools,               | 132 68   |
| Stock,                       | 311 00   |



|                                 |            |
|---------------------------------|------------|
| Hay,                            | \$14 39    |
| Lumber,                         | 25 73      |
| Sawing lumber,                  | 45 24      |
| Coal,                           | 46 56      |
| Repairs,                        | 40 38      |
| Medicines,                      | 14 15      |
| Garden and and grass seed,      | 16 93      |
| Cider barrels and making cider, | 55 64      |
| Ice,                            | 6 92       |
| Sundries,                       | 16 66      |
| Tax on town farm,               | 40 96      |
| Warden's salary,                | 450 00     |
| Valuation, Dec. 31, 1877,       | 1,980 75   |
|                                 | <hr/>      |
|                                 | \$6,316 09 |

#### RECEIPTS OF ALMSHOUSE.

|                    |          |
|--------------------|----------|
| 539 butter,        | \$149 04 |
| Milk,              | 72 18    |
| Calves,            | 79 64    |
| Swine,             | 142 50   |
| Eggs and fowls,    | 60 25    |
| Vegetables,        | 22 58    |
| Meat,              | 20 13    |
| Groceries,         | 36 40    |
| Cider and vinegar, | 5 43     |
| Boarders,          | 6 30     |
| Labor,             | 278 17   |
| Wood,              | 273 08   |
| Lumber,            | 4 30     |
| Stock,             | 346 58   |
| Flour and grain,   | 23 20    |
| Pasture,           | 8 00     |
| Premium on bull,   | 10 00    |

|                                  |            |
|----------------------------------|------------|
| Sundries,                        | \$22 64    |
| Stock, hay, etc , Dec. 31, 1878, | 2,062 79   |
|                                  | <hr/>      |
|                                  | \$3,623 21 |
| Expenditures,                    | 6,316 09   |
| Receipts,                        | 3,623 21   |
|                                  | <hr/>      |
| Balance against Almshouse,       | \$2,692 88 |

## INMATES OF ALMSHOUSE.

| Names.                 | Age. | Weeks in Almshouse. |
|------------------------|------|---------------------|
| Asa Drake,             | 64   | 52                  |
| Rebecca Allen,         | 78   | 36                  |
| Ella Lewis,            | 27   | 52                  |
| Frederic Lewis,        | 4    | 52                  |
| Bertha E. Lewis,       | 2    | 52                  |
| Geo. W. Quinley,       | 78   | 52                  |
| Charles M. Randall,    | 46   | 52                  |
| Loreyitna Randall,     | 7    | 52                  |
| Elizabeth A. French,   | 28   | 52                  |
| Wm. H. French,         | 2    | 52                  |
| Hiram French,          | 75   | 52                  |
| Susan Bonney,          | 68   | 52                  |
| Alma Frye,             | 31   | 52                  |
| Clarence E. Dickerman, | 4    | 52                  |
| Peter Nelson,          | 62   | 52                  |
| Lavinia Nelson,        | 46   | 52                  |
| Welena Nelson,         | 11   | 52                  |
| William Nelson,        | 10   | 52                  |
| Geneva Nelson,         | 8    | 52                  |
| Francis Nelson,        | 7    | 52                  |
| C. Frank Williams,     | 48   | 52                  |
| Mary Kelley,           | 35   | 52                  |
| Hattie Kelley,         | 9    | 52                  |



|                     |    |    |
|---------------------|----|----|
| Mabel Kelley,       | 2  | 52 |
| Hannah Willis,      | 74 | 52 |
| Betsey Allen,       | 72 | 52 |
| Charles W. Randall, | 71 | 19 |
| John F. Clapp,      | 21 | 3  |
| Nellie M. Walker,   | 16 | 52 |
| John E. Jackson,    | 11 | 14 |
| Wm. H. Walker,      |    | 15 |
| Ida M. Randall,     | 20 | 2  |

|                                                |                 |
|------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Discharged,                                    | 2               |
| Now in Almshouse,                              | 30              |
| Males,                                         | 13              |
| Females,                                       | 17              |
| Average number for year,                       | $28\frac{1}{2}$ |
| Average cost per week above<br>income of farm, | \$1.76          |
| Number of tramps,                              | 490             |
| Estimated cost at 20 cts.                      | \$98.00         |

## EXPENSES OF POOR OUT OF ALMSHOUSE.

|                                |         |         |
|--------------------------------|---------|---------|
| For William Blanchard,         |         |         |
| Paid Joel S. Drake, groceries, |         |         |
| etc.,                          | \$6 50  |         |
| Paid Town Farm, wood,          | 2 50    |         |
| “ J. M. Howard, groceries,     |         |         |
| etc.,                          | 24 25   |         |
| Paid J. A. Pratt, wood,        | 8 00    |         |
| “ D. W. Heath, “               | 2 00    |         |
|                                | <hr/>   | \$43 25 |
| For Nath. B. Lincoln,          |         |         |
| Paid S. S. Brett, coal,        | \$24 25 |         |
| “ J. W. Harding, groceries,    | 22 00   |         |
|                                | <hr/>   | 46 25   |

|                                   |      |       |          |
|-----------------------------------|------|-------|----------|
| For Mike McCool,                  |      |       |          |
| Paid Ellis Packard, coal,         | \$3  | 25    |          |
| " Brockton, aid,                  | 104  | 00    |          |
|                                   |      | <hr/> | \$107 25 |
| For Mrs. Hugh Fitzpatrick,        |      |       |          |
| Paid Strout & Packard, groceries, |      |       | 5 50     |
| For Mrs. Henry M. Willis,         |      |       |          |
| Paid T. H. & J. O. Dean, coal,    | \$14 | 00    |          |
| " Chas. K. Dailey, wood,          | 3    | 00    |          |
| " Joel S. Drake, aid,             | 167  | 83    |          |
| " Geo. L. Kimball, boots,         | 2    | 12    |          |
|                                   |      | <hr/> | 186 95   |
| For Nelson Lincoln,               |      |       |          |
| Paid O. Ames & Sons, clothing,    | \$8  | 84    |          |
| Order on treasurer,               | 5    | 00    |          |
|                                   |      | <hr/> | 13 84    |
| For John Sloan,                   |      |       |          |
| Paid O. Ames & Sons, groceries,   | \$67 | 00    |          |
| " Charles Carr, meat,             | 6    | 11    |          |
| " G. G. Withington & Co.,         |      |       |          |
| medicine,                         | 2    | 96    |          |
| Paid O. Ames & Sons, coal,        | 29   | 31    |          |
|                                   |      | <hr/> | 105 38   |
| For Nancy Wade,                   |      |       |          |
| Paid Duxbury, aid,                | \$10 | 00    |          |
| " O. Ames & Sons, clothing,       | 4    | 00    |          |
| " Joel S. Drake, " "              | 3    | 00    |          |
|                                   |      | <hr/> | 17 00    |
| For Matthew Welch,                |      |       |          |
| Paid Jerry Riordan, board,        | \$11 | 54    |          |
| " O. Ames & Sons, clothing,       | 3    | 37    |          |
|                                   |      | <hr/> | 14 91    |
| For Silas K. Ripley's family,     |      |       |          |
| Paid Plymouth, support,           |      |       | 91 40    |



|                                       |         |         |
|---------------------------------------|---------|---------|
| For Charlotte Dunbar,                 |         |         |
| Paid Joel S. Drake, groceries,        | \$4 00  |         |
| " Strout & Packard, groceries,        | 5 00    |         |
| " J. A. Pratt, cash,                  | 1 00    |         |
| Order on treasurer,                   | 5 00    |         |
|                                       | <hr/>   | \$15 00 |
| For Mrs. James O'Brien,               |         |         |
| Paid Hiram Williams, wood,            | \$6 00  |         |
| " O. Ames & Sons, groceries,          | 9 39    |         |
|                                       | <hr/>   | 15 39   |
| For Mrs. John A. Lynch,               |         |         |
| Order on treasurer,                   |         | 32 00   |
| For John A. Murray,                   |         |         |
| Paid Boston, aid,                     |         | 5 38    |
| For Joseph Lee,                       |         |         |
| Paid Boston, aid,                     |         | 3 37    |
| For Mathew Campion.                   |         |         |
| Paid Strout & Packard, groceries,     | \$5 00  |         |
| Paid O. Ames & Sons, groceries, etc., | 50 00   |         |
| Paid Taunton Lunatic Asylum,          | 211 02  |         |
| Order on treasurer,                   | 60 00   |         |
|                                       | <hr/>   | 326 02  |
| For Lydia Godfrey,                    |         |         |
| Paid Isaac Drew, support,             |         | 32 00   |
| For Mrs. John McEvoy,                 |         |         |
| Paid O. Ames & Sons, groceries, etc., |         | 60 00   |
| For Lawrence Connell,                 |         |         |
| Paid O. Ames & Sons, groceries, etc., | \$36 00 |         |
| Paid Charles Carr, meat,              | 6 80    |         |
|                                       | <hr/>   | 42 80   |

|                                                      |          |         |
|------------------------------------------------------|----------|---------|
| For Ellen Callahan,                                  |          |         |
| Paid O. Ames & Sons, groceries, etc.,                | \$45 00  |         |
| Paid Charles Carr, meat,                             | 24       |         |
| Paid O. Ames & Sons, coal,                           | 5 86     |         |
|                                                      | <hr/>    | \$51 10 |
| For Mrs. Patrick Reynolds, 2d,                       |          |         |
| Paid O. Ames & Sons, supplies,                       | \$110 00 |         |
| Paid O. Ames & Sons, school books,                   | 3 92     |         |
|                                                      | <hr/>    | 113 92  |
| For Francis Richardson,                              |          |         |
| Paid O. Ames & Sons, coal,                           | \$6 46   |         |
| Paid O. Ames & Sons, groceries,                      | 7 25     |         |
|                                                      | <hr/>    | 13 71   |
| For Mrs. David Conners,                              |          |         |
| Paid O. Ames & Sons, groceries, etc.,                |          | 60 00   |
| For Azel Randall,                                    |          |         |
| Paid Mansfield, aid,                                 |          | 8 50    |
| For Ada M. Randall,                                  |          |         |
| Paid Northampton Lunatic Hospital, support,          |          | 191 18  |
| For Ida M. Randall,                                  |          |         |
| Paid Lancaster Industrial School for Girls, support, |          | 23 00   |
| For John W. Marshall,                                |          |         |
| Paid Taunton Lunatic Hospital, support,              |          | 207 41  |
| For Maria Kerley,                                    |          |         |
| Paid Taunton Lunatic Hospital, support,              |          | 196 47  |
| For Sarah J. Jackson,                                |          |         |
| Paid Taunton Lunatic Hospital, support,              |          | 194 75  |



|                                   |      |    |         |
|-----------------------------------|------|----|---------|
| For Henry A. White,               |      |    |         |
| Paid Norton, aid,                 | \$18 | 00 |         |
| " Joel S. Drake, groceries, etc., | 69   | 00 |         |
|                                   |      |    | <hr/>   |
|                                   |      |    | \$87 00 |
| For Allen Brothers,               |      |    |         |
| Paid Joel S. Drake, groceries,    |      |    |         |
| etc.,                             |      |    | 58 50   |
| For Solomon Stone,                |      |    |         |
| Paid Joel S. Drake, groceries,    |      |    |         |
| etc.,                             |      |    | 96 00   |
| For Fremont Nelson,               |      |    |         |
| Paid Joel S. Drake, clothing,     |      |    | 12 75   |
| For Nancy F. Randall,             |      |    |         |
| Paid Joel S. Drake, clothing,     |      |    | 4 00    |
| For McCullough children,          |      |    |         |
| Paid Joel S. Drake, supplies,     |      |    | 96 00   |
| For Charles Bonner,               |      |    |         |
| Paid Joel S. Drake, groceries,    |      |    |         |
| etc.,                             |      |    | 6 00    |
| For Nicholas Murphy,              |      |    |         |
| Paid Strout & Packard, grocer-    |      |    |         |
| ies, etc.,                        |      |    | 23 00   |
| For E. W. Chamberlain,            |      |    |         |
| Paid Strout & Packard, grocer-    |      |    |         |
| ies, etc.,                        | \$9  | 95 |         |
| Paid O. Ames & Sons, school       |      |    |         |
| books,                            |      | 44 |         |
| Paid Lakeville, aid,              | 3    | 00 |         |
|                                   |      |    | <hr/>   |
|                                   |      |    | 13 39   |
| For Ann Stanton,                  |      |    |         |
| Paid Strout & Packard, grocer-    |      |    |         |
| ies, etc.,                        |      |    | 39 00   |
| For Washington Drake,             |      |    |         |
| Paid Strout & Packard, grocer-    |      |    |         |
| ies, etc.,                        |      |    | 48 21   |

|                                         |         |         |
|-----------------------------------------|---------|---------|
| For Billings Fisher,                    |         |         |
| Paid Tobey & Kimball, coffin,           | \$8 00  |         |
| “ Geo. B. Cogswell, medical attendance, | 4 00    |         |
| Paid Town Farm, digging grave,          | 3 00    |         |
| “ P. W. Fecto, livery,                  | 4 75    |         |
|                                         | <hr/>   | \$19 75 |
| For Patrick Riley,                      |         |         |
| Paid H. Williams, wood,                 | \$8 50  |         |
| “ O. Ames & Sons, coal,                 | 30 63   |         |
| Order on treasurer,                     | 5 00    |         |
|                                         | <hr/>   | 44 13   |
| For Patrick Donovan, Jr.,               |         |         |
| Paid O. Ames & Sons, coal,              | \$6 70  |         |
| “ F. L. Ames, wood,                     | 2 00    |         |
|                                         | <hr/>   | 8 70    |
| For Mrs. McConner,                      |         |         |
| Paid O. Ames & Sons, coal,              |         | 4 06    |
| For Fred Fowler,                        |         |         |
| Paid Randolph, aid,                     |         | 176 25  |
| For Rebecca Allen,                      |         |         |
| Paid Boston, support,                   |         | 26 00   |
| For Isaac Drew,                         |         |         |
| Paid Geo. L. Kimball, groceries,        |         | 6 00    |
| For John Kerley,                        |         |         |
| Paid Brockton, support,                 | \$47 50 |         |
| “ Middleboro, “                         | 58 57   |         |
|                                         | <hr/>   | 106 07  |
| For Hannah Murphy,                      |         |         |
| Paid Canton, aid,                       |         | 47 20   |
| For Emily Carroll,                      |         |         |
| Paid Canton, support,                   |         | 67 60   |
| For William Reed, Brockton,             |         |         |
| Paid E. Smith Howard, wood,             | \$1 50  |         |
| “ Joel S. Drake, groceries, etc.,       | 22 50   |         |
|                                         | <hr/>   | 24 00   |



|                                     |         |         |
|-------------------------------------|---------|---------|
| For Charles H. Smith, Mansfield,    |         |         |
| Paid J. M. Howard, groceries,       | \$15 00 |         |
| " Joel S. Drake, groceries, etc.,   | 16 13   |         |
| " George Copeland, clothing,        | 3 00    |         |
| " D. L. Randall, medical at-        |         |         |
| tendance,                           | 6 00    |         |
|                                     | <hr/>   | \$40 13 |
| For Mrs. C. F. Allen, Mansfield,    |         |         |
| Paid Joel S. Drake, groceries,      | \$16 67 |         |
| " D. L. Randall, medical at-        |         |         |
| tendance,                           | 3 00    |         |
|                                     | <hr/>   | 19 67   |
| For Otis Bellows, Mansfield,        |         |         |
| Paid Geo. E. Kimball, groceries,    |         | 102 00  |
| For Lydia Boodry, Brockton,         |         |         |
| Paid Joel S. Drake, groceries, etc. | \$15 00 |         |
| " F. E. Tilden, medical atand-      |         |         |
| ance,                               | 13 00   |         |
|                                     | <hr/>   | 28 00   |
| For James H. Snow, Taunton,         |         |         |
| Paid Joel S. Drake, groceries,      |         | 156 00  |
| For William B. Wheeler, Taunton,    |         |         |
| Paid Geo. L. Kimball, groceries,    |         | 52 00   |
| For William S. Henrys, Raynham,     |         |         |
| Paid for supplies,                  | \$22 37 |         |
| " F. E. Tilden, medical             |         |         |
| attendance,                         | 6 00    |         |
|                                     | <hr/>   | 28 37   |
| For J. W. Leonard, Raynham,         |         |         |
| Paid Joel S. Drake, school books,   |         | 5 09    |
| For Seth Williamson, Marshfield,    |         |         |
| Paid T. H. & J. O. Dean, flour,     | \$30 25 |         |
| " J. A. Pratt, aid,                 | 1 50    |         |
| " L. Howard, Jr., aid,              | 2 20    |         |
| " Joel S. Drake, groceries, etc.,   | 3 00    |         |

|                                         |         |         |
|-----------------------------------------|---------|---------|
| Paid Town Farm, wood,                   | \$22 50 |         |
| “ George Copeland, supplies,            | 12 00   |         |
| “ G. B. Coggswell, medical attendance,  | 3 00    |         |
| Paid D. L. Randall, medical attendance, | 20 00   |         |
|                                         | <hr/>   | \$94 45 |
| For Nathaniel Fadden, Canton,           |         |         |
| Paid O. Ames & Sons, supplies,          | \$28 00 |         |
| “ Geo. L. Kimball, supplies,            | 35 00   |         |
|                                         | <hr/>   | 63 00   |
| For Lydia Bachelder, Beverly,           |         |         |
| Paid Frank Phelan, aid,                 |         | 24 75   |
| For Alfred Gibbs, Sandwich,             |         |         |
| Paid Strout & Packard, supplies,        |         | 39 50   |
| For Mrs. Elbridge J. Snow, Braintree,   |         |         |
| Paid Geo. Copeland, clothing,           | \$2 50  |         |
| “ Joel S. Drake, goods,                 | 11 00   |         |
|                                         | <hr/>   | 13 50   |
| For Merrit Newcomb, Norton,             |         |         |
| Paid Joel S. Drake, groceries, etc.,    |         | 3 00    |
| For Jos. E. Dean, State,                |         |         |
| Paid J. T. Barden, wood,                | \$2 00  |         |
| “ Geo. L. Kimball, supplies,            | 65 00   |         |
| “ H. W. Heath, meat,                    | 50      |         |
| “ F. E. Tilden, med. attend.,           | 18 00   |         |
|                                         | <hr/>   | 85 50   |
| For Sarah W. Bethel, State,             |         |         |
| Paid James N. Mackey, nursing, etc.,    | \$20 00 |         |
| Paid H. Williams, supplies,             | 5 68    |         |
| “ Dennis S. Buck, wood,                 | 3 00    |         |
| “ D. L. Randall, med. attend.,          | 2 00    |         |
|                                         | <hr/>   | 30 68   |
| For George Weis, State,                 |         |         |
| Paid J. M. Howard, groceries, etc.,     |         | 6 00    |



|                                           |         |       |
|-------------------------------------------|---------|-------|
| For John Connell, State,                  |         |       |
| Paid H. J. Fuller, commitment papers,     | \$5     | 00    |
| For John E. Pike, State,                  |         |       |
| Paid Joel S. Drake, boots,                | 2       | 50    |
| For George Hooper, State,                 |         |       |
| Expense to State Almshouse,               | 8       | 20    |
| For school books furnished poor children, | 6       | 93    |
|                                           |         | <hr/> |
|                                           | \$4,051 | 61    |
| Appropriation of town for poor,           | \$5,000 | 00    |
| Received from other towns,                | 448     | 26    |
| Due from other towns and State,           | 427     | 14    |
|                                           |         | <hr/> |
|                                           | 5,875   | 40    |
| Paid for poor out of almshouse,           | \$4,051 | 61    |
| Balance against almshouse,                | 2,692   | 88    |
|                                           |         | <hr/> |
|                                           | 6,744   | 49    |
|                                           |         | <hr/> |
| Exceeded appropriation,                   | \$869   | 09    |
|                                           |         | <hr/> |

## TOWN APPROPRIATIONS.

|                              |          |       |
|------------------------------|----------|-------|
| Schools,                     | \$7,700  | 00    |
| Highways,                    | 2,500    | 00    |
| Bridges,                     | 500      | 00    |
| Turnpike south of Gilmore's, | 100      | 00    |
| Repairs on school-houses,    | 400      | 00    |
| Current expenses,            | 1,800    | 00    |
| Snow bills,                  | 400      | 00    |
| Road near William Manning's, | 300      | 00    |
| Safe,                        | 250      | 00    |
| Total,                       | \$13,950 | 00    |
| County tax,                  | 2,874    | 80    |
| State tax,                   | 1,660    | 00    |
| Overlay,                     | 586      | 22    |
|                              |          | <hr/> |
|                              | \$19,071 | 02    |

## Valuation of Town May 1, 1878: —

|                    |                |
|--------------------|----------------|
| Personal property, | \$1,479,991 00 |
| Real estate,       | 1,120,660 00   |
|                    | <hr/>          |
|                    | \$2,600,651 00 |

|                              |        |
|------------------------------|--------|
| Number of polls,             | 953    |
| Poll tax,                    | \$2 00 |
| Rate of taxation on \$1,000, | \$6 60 |

## TOWN OFFICERS' BILLS.

|                                                                                 |          |          |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|----------|
| J. A. PRATT,                                                                    |          |          |
| Time,                                                                           | \$183 50 |          |
| Conveyance,                                                                     | 28 47    |          |
| Cash expenses,                                                                  | 14 40    |          |
|                                                                                 | <hr/>    | \$226 37 |
| HIRAM WILLIAMS,                                                                 |          |          |
| Time,                                                                           | \$187 50 |          |
| Conveyance,                                                                     | 18 65    |          |
| Cash expenses,                                                                  | 6 59     |          |
|                                                                                 | <hr/>    | 212 74   |
| WM. C. HOWARD,                                                                  |          |          |
| Time,                                                                           | \$146 25 |          |
| Conveyance,                                                                     | 21 16    |          |
| Cash expenses,                                                                  | 3 40     |          |
|                                                                                 | <hr/>    | 170 81   |
| GEORGE G. WITHINGTON,                                                           |          |          |
| Time,                                                                           | \$27 00  |          |
| Travel and cash expense,                                                        | 22 91    |          |
| Paying State aid,                                                               | 14 81    |          |
| Collecting, registering, indexing, and returning births, marriages, and deaths, | 64 15    |          |
|                                                                                 | <hr/>    | 128 87   |



|                                 |         |          |
|---------------------------------|---------|----------|
| FRANCIS HOMES,                  |         |          |
| Services,                       |         | \$5 85   |
| L. H. SHELDON,                  |         |          |
| Services,                       |         | 55 00    |
| WM. L. CHAFFIN,                 |         |          |
| Services,                       | \$41 50 |          |
| Conveyance, etc.,               | 9 95    |          |
|                                 | <hr/>   | 51 45    |
| GEORGE C. BELCHER,              |         |          |
| Services,                       | \$25 50 |          |
| Conveyance,                     | 2 50    |          |
|                                 | <hr/>   | 28 00    |
| JOHN O. DEAN,                   |         |          |
| Services,                       |         | 25 00    |
| L. S. DRAKE,                    |         |          |
| Services,                       |         | 17 50    |
| DANIEL M. DAILEY,               |         |          |
| Sealer of weights and measures, |         | 25 00    |
| P. W. FECTO, <i>Constable</i> , |         |          |
| Services,                       |         | 20 00    |
|                                 |         | <hr/>    |
|                                 |         | \$966 59 |

WIDENING ROAD AND BRIDGE NEAR WILLIAM  
MANNING'S.

|                                 |          |          |
|---------------------------------|----------|----------|
| Appropriation,                  |          | \$300 00 |
| Paid Hiram F. Dean, as per con- |          |          |
| tract,                          | \$290 00 |          |
| “ A. A. Rotch, land damage,     | 5 00     |          |
|                                 | <hr/>    | 295 00   |
| Balance unexpended,             |          | <hr/>    |
|                                 |          | \$5 00   |

## REPAIRING BRIDGES.

|                                   |         |               |
|-----------------------------------|---------|---------------|
| Appropriation,                    |         | \$500 00      |
| Paid H. T. Mitchell, bridge work, |         |               |
| Dist. No. 1,                      | \$37 50 |               |
| “ Eugene T. Lothrop, bridge       |         |               |
| work, Dist. No. 2,                | 29 02   |               |
| “ J. T. Barden, bridge work,      |         |               |
| Dist. No. 3,                      | 66 22   |               |
| “ D. W. Heath, bridge work,       |         |               |
| Dist. No. 3,                      | 3 75    |               |
| “ Hiram F. Dean, rebuilding       |         |               |
| bridge near Wm. Man-              |         |               |
| ning's, Dist. No. 5,              | 123 50  |               |
| “ Hiram F. Dean, other bridge     |         |               |
| work,                             | 35 08   |               |
| “ Dennis S. Buck, other bridge    |         |               |
| work, Dist. No. 6,                | 13 75   |               |
| “ Hiram Williams, other bridge    |         |               |
| work, Dist. No. 7,                | 1 67    |               |
| “ Jason Tinkham, railing, Dist.   |         |               |
| No. 8,                            | 6 21    |               |
| “ Calvin Marshall, rebuilding     |         |               |
| bridge, Dist. No. 8,              | 84 00   |               |
| “ D. F. Clark, bridge work,       |         |               |
| Dist. No. 9,                      | 30 55   |               |
| “ F. B. Littlefield, bridge work, |         |               |
| Dist. No. 10,                     | 13 78   |               |
|                                   | <hr/>   | 445 03        |
| Balance unexpended,               |         | <hr/> \$54 97 |

The guide boards are in good condition.

We would respectfully recommend that the town raise,  
the ensuing year,



|                          |            |
|--------------------------|------------|
| For the support of poor, | \$5,500 00 |
| “ current expenses,      | 1,800 00   |
| “ roads,                 | 2,000 00   |
| “ bridges,               | 200 00     |

J. A. PRATT,  
HIRAM WILLIAMS,  
WM. C. HOWARD,

*Selectmen, Assessors, and Overseers  
of the Poor, of Easton.*

EASTON, Dec. 31, 1878.

# ROADS AND BRIDGES.

## REPORT OF COMMISSIONERS.

### DISTRICT No. 1.

|                      |                              |          |
|----------------------|------------------------------|----------|
| Appropriation,       |                              | \$367 14 |
| Paid A. T. Macomber, | 9 $\frac{3}{4}$ days,        | \$12 16  |
| “ Charles Howard,    | 44 $\frac{1}{10}$ “          | 55 28    |
| “ James Clark,       | 22 $\frac{1}{10}$ “          | 26 54    |
| “ Lewis Jones,       | 6 $\frac{4}{10}$ “           | 8 00     |
| “ Levi C. Randall,   | 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ “ }          | 22 62    |
| “ horse and cart,    | 8 “ }                        |          |
| “ Daniel Collins,    | 8 “ }                        | 22 00    |
| “ horse and cart,    | 8 “ }                        |          |
| “ Geo. Simpson,      | 4 “ }                        | 11 00    |
| “ horse and cart,    | 4 “ }                        |          |
| “ Fred. White,       | 3 $\frac{4}{10}$ “           | 4 24     |
| “ Wm. J. Safford,    | $\frac{1}{2}$ day,           | 63       |
| “ T. H. Howard,      | $\frac{1}{2}$ “              | 63       |
| “ H. T. Mitchell,    | 58 days,                     | 72 23    |
| “ “ “                | horse and cart,              |          |
|                      | 60 $\frac{1}{2}$ days,       | 90 83    |
| “ Fanny Randall,     | 545 loads gravel,            | 27 25    |
| “ Timothy Remick,    | 267 “ “                      | 8 01     |
| “ J. O. Dean,        | use of scraper,              | 75       |
| “                    | use of tools and sharpening, | 77       |
| “ E. N. Morse,       | scraping road,               | 4 20     |
|                      |                              | <hr/>    |
|                      |                              | \$367 14 |



|                                           |         |
|-------------------------------------------|---------|
| Cost of scraping road and picking stones, | \$14 50 |
| Cost of mowing bushes and trimming trees, | 13 50   |
| Received of treasurer for bridges,        | 27 32   |
| Price paid for man per day                | 1 25    |
| “ “ “ horse and cart,                     | 1 50    |

Screened gravel put on road, 545 horse loads.

Unscreened gravel put on road, 366 horse loads.

Ploughed and turnpiked 18 rods of road.

Expended two thirds of appropriation before July 1.

Expended \$362.00 before Sept. 1.

HARRISON T. MITCHELL, *Commissioner.*

#### DISTRICT No. 2.

|                     |          |
|---------------------|----------|
| Appropriation,      | \$150 80 |
| Unexpended in 1877, | 25       |
|                     | <hr/>    |
|                     | \$151 05 |

Roads scraped and bushes moved.

202 loads of screened gravel put on roads.

65 loads of stone moved.

|                         |        |
|-------------------------|--------|
| Paid William Blanchard, | \$5 15 |
| “ Clark T. Berry, Jr.,  | 4 22   |
| “ Lester Packard,       | 1 99   |
| “ Dean Ramsdell,        | 1 80   |
| “ Frederic Simpson,     | 1 20   |
| “ James M. Howard,      | 10 54  |
| “ William C. Howard,    | 36 54  |
| “ Lorenzo LeBaron,      | 6 50   |
| “ Thaxter D. Hervey,    | 50     |

|                            |        |          |
|----------------------------|--------|----------|
| Paid Tisdale D. Collins,   | \$1 00 |          |
| “ Charles F. Howard,       | 9 00   |          |
| “ Lawrence E. Lothrop,     | 16 40  |          |
| “ George Weis,             | 2 50   |          |
| “ Town Farm,               | 6 75   |          |
| “ John O. Dean,            | 5 64   |          |
| “ S. D. Simpson,           | 55     |          |
| “ Eugene T. Lothrop,       | 36 12  |          |
| 202 loads screened gravel, | 6 06   |          |
|                            | <hr/>  | \$152 46 |

|                         |  |              |
|-------------------------|--|--------------|
| Exceeded appropriation, |  | <hr/> \$1 41 |
|-------------------------|--|--------------|

|                                    |         |              |
|------------------------------------|---------|--------------|
| Turnpike south of Alson Gilmore's. |         |              |
| Appropriation,                     |         | \$100 00     |
| 304 loads of gravel put on roads.  |         |              |
| 30 “ “ stone to widen road.        |         |              |
| Paid Charles F. Howard,            | \$29 40 |              |
| “ Clark T. Berry, Jr.              | 7 80    |              |
| “ James M. Howard,                 | 4 50    |              |
| “ Lorenzo LeBaron,                 | 27 00   |              |
| “ Frederic Simpson,                | 2 75    |              |
| “ Lawrence E. Lothrop,             | 6 75    |              |
| “ Hiram Allen,                     | 1 50    |              |
| “ S. D. Simpson,                   | 55      |              |
| “ Eugene T. Lothrop,               | 16 63   |              |
| “ for 304 loads of gravel,         | 9 12    |              |
|                                    | <hr/>   | 106 00       |
| Exceeded appropriation,            |         | <hr/> \$6 00 |

EUGENE T. LOTHROP, *Commissioner.*



## DISTRICT No. 3.

|                                                 |         |          |
|-------------------------------------------------|---------|----------|
| Appropriation,                                  |         | \$116 19 |
| Paid Dan. W. Heath,                             | \$15 05 |          |
| “ Patrick Findlay,                              | 19 12   |          |
| “ Isaac Drew,                                   | 6 87    |          |
| “ Edwin D. Howard,                              | 1 87    |          |
| “ James Hadden,                                 | 2 25    |          |
| “ Herbert Pool,                                 | 1 00    |          |
| “ Charles K. Dailey,                            | 9 63    |          |
| “ Charles A. Harvey,                            | 3 50    |          |
| “ William A. Millard,                           | 1 25    |          |
| “ Charles E. Millard,                           | 3 13    |          |
| “ Peter Nolan,                                  | 3 75    |          |
| “ Frank Fountain,                               | 2 50    |          |
| “ William Blanchard,                            | 4 37    |          |
| “ J. A. Pratt,                                  | 62      |          |
| “ J. T. Barden,                                 | 32 43   |          |
| “ for use of ox-cart,                           | 87      |          |
| “ 207 horse cart loads gravel,                  | 7 25    |          |
| “ 59 ox “ “ “                                   | 2 95    |          |
|                                                 | <hr/>   | 118 41   |
| Exceeded appropriation,                         |         | \$2 22   |
| Received for bridges,                           |         | \$66 22  |
| Paid for 15 $\frac{3}{5}$ days' work at \$1.25, | \$19 50 |          |
| “ “ 5 bridge sleepers,                          | 10 00   |          |
| “ “ 1,586 feet plank,                           | 25 71   |          |
| “ “ railing and posts,                          | 3 54    |          |
| “ “ 30 lbs. spikes,                             | 1 02    |          |
| “ “ 43 hours' use of teams at 15c.,             | 6 45    |          |
|                                                 | <hr/>   | \$66 22  |

JOHN T. BARDEN, *Commissioner.*

## DISTRICT No. 4.

|                          |         |         |
|--------------------------|---------|---------|
| Appropriation,           |         | \$93 21 |
| Paid Walter Henshaw,     | \$18 80 |         |
| “ Nahum Godfrey,         | 3 75    |         |
| “ Daniel B. Wheaton,     | 5 70    |         |
| “ Ira Gardner,           | 2 50    |         |
| “ John D. Gardner,       | 2 50    |         |
| “ Arthur S. Belcher,     | 6 13    |         |
| “ Emory Lincoln,         | 36      |         |
| “ Jones W. Godfrey,      | 14 36   |         |
| “ Jesse Williams,        | 8 25    |         |
| “ George E. Williams,    | 6 50    |         |
| “ Edward D. Williams,    | 24 40   |         |
|                          | <hr/>   | 93 25   |
| Exceeded appropriations, |         | 04      |

One hundred and eighty-one loads of gravel put on road, and eleven loads of stone moved.

EDWARD D. WILLIAMS, *Commissioner*.

## DISTRICT No. 5.

|                                                  |         |          |
|--------------------------------------------------|---------|----------|
| Appropriation,                                   |         | \$100 34 |
| Cash received of Martin Ripley,                  |         | 75       |
| Received for use of town carts,                  |         | 6 24     |
|                                                  |         | <hr/>    |
|                                                  |         | \$107 33 |
| Paid for 62 $\frac{4}{5}$ days' labor at \$1.25, | \$78 50 |          |
| “ “ 17 $\frac{1}{2}$ days' horse at \$1.40,      | 24 15   |          |
| “ “ 221 loads gravel,                            | 7 73    |          |
|                                                  | <hr/>   | 110 38   |
| Exceeded appropriation,                          |         | \$3 05   |

Four hundred and fifteen loads gravel put on roads, rocks blasted, and three hills cut down, bushes cut, stones removed from roads.

HIRAM F. DEAN, *Commissioner*.



## DISTRICT No. 6.

|                                                    |         |          |
|----------------------------------------------------|---------|----------|
| Appropriation,                                     |         | \$143 02 |
| Paid E. Allen for $13\frac{4}{10}$ days at \$1.25, | \$16 75 |          |
| “ William Allen, 1 “                               | 62      |          |
| “ T. Currivan, 1 “                                 | 1 00    |          |
| “ C. Morse, 3 “                                    | 3 00    |          |
| “ J. Woodbury, $3\frac{1}{2}$ “ at 1.25,           | 4 37    |          |
| “ P. F. Packard, 1 “                               | 1 25    |          |
| “ L. Packard, $1\frac{1}{10}$ “ at 1.25,           | 1 37    |          |
| “ M. Records, with oxen, 1 day,                    | 4 00    |          |
| “ P. McDermot, $5\frac{3}{4}$ days at 1.25,        | 7 19    |          |
| “ P. Murphy, $3\frac{1}{2}$ “ 1.25,                | 4 37    |          |
| “ A. Gibbs, 5 “ 1.25,                              | 6 25    |          |
| “ J. Selee, $6\frac{3}{4}$ “ 1.50,                 | 10 12   |          |
| “ D. S. Buck, 19 “ 1.25,                           | 23 75   |          |
| “ for oxen and cart, $11\frac{1}{2}$ days,         |         |          |
| at \$2.25,                                         | 25 87   |          |
| “ for horse and cart, 12 days,                     |         |          |
| at \$1.50,                                         | 18 00   |          |
| “ T. E. Williams, 1 day, at \$1.25,                | 1 25    |          |
| “ J. O. Dean, use of scraper,                      | 1 00    |          |
| “ W. Johnson, 94 loads gravel,                     | 3 76    |          |
| “ T. Harlow, 22 “ “                                | 1 10    |          |
| “ A.L.Bennett, 12 “ “                              | 48      |          |
| “ H. M. Williams, sharpening                       |         |          |
| pick and bars,                                     | 60      |          |
| “ H. M. Williams, use of tools,                    | 1 50    |          |
| Exceeded appropriation, 1877,                      | 6 12    |          |
|                                                    | <hr/>   | 143 72   |
| Exceeded appropriation,                            |         | <hr/> 70 |

D. S. BUCK, *Commissioner.*

## DISTRICT No. 7.

|                                                                                                                                               |        |          |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|----------|
| Appropriation,                                                                                                                                |        | \$477 59 |
| Unexpended from 1876,                                                                                                                         |        | 6 12     |
| “ “ 1877,                                                                                                                                     |        | 23 22    |
|                                                                                                                                               |        | <hr/>    |
|                                                                                                                                               |        | \$506 93 |
| Paid for scraping roads,                                                                                                                      | \$4 95 |          |
| “ picking stones,                                                                                                                             | 14 82  |          |
| “ putting gravel on road,<br>moving 560 loads stones<br>from gravel pit and clean-<br>ing gutters, $371\frac{1}{10}$ days,<br>at \$1 per day, | 371 10 |          |
| “ horses and carts, $86\frac{8}{10}$ days,<br>at \$1.40,                                                                                      | 121 52 |          |
| “ paving 700 yards gutters,<br>29 days, by pavers, at<br>\$2.25,                                                                              | 65 25  |          |
| “ $14\frac{1}{2}$ days, by pavers, at \$2,                                                                                                    | 29 00  |          |
| “ $83\frac{1}{2}$ “ by laborers, at \$1,                                                                                                      | 83 50  |          |
| “ $23\frac{1}{2}$ “ by horses and<br>carts, at \$1.40,                                                                                        | 32 90  |          |
| “ putting concrete crossing<br>and gutter across Centre<br>Street,                                                                            | 62 95  |          |
| “ merchandise and repairs of<br>tools,                                                                                                        | 15 00  |          |
| Paid Hiram Williams for 759 loads<br>gravel,                                                                                                  | 45 54  |          |
|                                                                                                                                               | <hr/>  | 846 53   |
| Exceeded appropriation,                                                                                                                       |        | \$339 60 |
| Gravel put on roads, 839 loads.                                                                                                               |        |          |

F. L. AMES, *Commissioner.*



## DISTRICT No. 8.

|                                                            |        |          |
|------------------------------------------------------------|--------|----------|
| Appropriation,                                             |        | \$314 40 |
| Paid Calvin Marshall, for scraping road,                   | \$9 00 |          |
| “ M. Bradshaw,                                             | 10 62  |          |
| “ Judson Marshall,                                         | 5 00   |          |
| “ Charles W. Dickerman,                                    | 2 50   |          |
| “ John A. Dean,                                            | 3 59   |          |
| “ David Wade,                                              | 2 50   |          |
| “ George H. Carr,                                          | 7 50   |          |
| “ Oren Marshall,                                           | 6 25   |          |
| “ Solomon Thayer,                                          | 5 00   |          |
| “ Frederic Holbrook,                                       | 25 20  |          |
| “ Augustus Bird,                                           | 6 45   |          |
| “ Orion Wells, with horse and cart,                        | 11 00  |          |
| “ John M. Wells,                                           | 17 66  |          |
| “ A. O. Marshall, with oxen,                               | 3 25   |          |
| “ Lewis Randall,                                           | 2 80   |          |
| “ George B. Carr,                                          | 2 44   |          |
| “ Timothy G. Marshall,                                     | 3 10   |          |
| “ Francis F. Marshall, with horse<br>and cart,             | 35 96  |          |
| “ James Watts, with horse and cart,                        | 51 00  |          |
| “ Wallace Wells,                                           | 2 50   |          |
| “ Frederic Wells,                                          | 17 50  |          |
| “ John Wells,                                              | 6 00   |          |
| “ Jason Tinkham, with horse and cart,                      | 55 00  |          |
| “ Luther Bird,                                             | 1 25   |          |
| “ John Q. Dickerman,                                       | 18 24  |          |
| “ Jason Tinkham, with two work-<br>men and horse and cart, | 5 00   |          |
| “ For sharpening drills and picks,                         | 70     |          |
| “ For powder and fuse,                                     | 40     |          |
|                                                            | <hr/>  | 317 41   |
| Exceeded appropriation,                                    |        | \$3 01   |

Seven hundred and ninety-two horse loads and 44 ox loads of gravel and stones moved. Workmen received  $12\frac{1}{2}$  cents per hour; horse and cart, 15 cents per hour.

JASON TINKHAM, *Commissioner.*

## DISTRICT No. 9.

|                                                |         |          |
|------------------------------------------------|---------|----------|
| Appropriation,                                 |         | \$384 04 |
| Paid J. C. Rounds,                             | \$82 53 |          |
| “ Lucius Howard, Jr.,                          | 32 81   |          |
| “ Charles F. Lothrop,                          | 30 00   |          |
| “ Dean Ramsdale,                               | 5 44    |          |
| “ Russell H. Leonard,                          | 11 25   |          |
| “ Charles T. Wade,                             | 19 00   |          |
| “ Jabez Mayall, at \$1 per day                 | 8 35    |          |
| “ Jerry Buckley,                               | 18 93   |          |
| “ O. R. Leonard,                               | 3 75    |          |
| “ Wm. Blanchard,                               | 1 25    |          |
| “ Daniel H. Ames,                              | 10 62   |          |
| “ Daniel A. Clark,                             | 11 72   |          |
| “ Patrick Menton,                              | 18 00   |          |
| “ Calvin Tibbetts,                             | 1 88    |          |
| “ Stillman Lincoln,                            | 1 87    |          |
| “ Fred Clapp,                                  | 1 93    |          |
| “ Argyle Phillips,                             | 1 93    |          |
| “ Curtis Wade,                                 | 1 00    |          |
| “ David Knights,                               | 14 37   |          |
| “ Seth Williamson,                             | 6 25    |          |
| “ John F. Dean,                                | 4 68    |          |
| “ Daniel F. Clark,                             | 57 88   |          |
| “ J. W. D. Torrey, for 354 ox<br>loads gravel, | 35 40   |          |
| “ for repairing tools, powder,<br>fuse, etc.,  | 3 01    |          |
|                                                | <hr/>   | 383 85   |
| Unexpended,                                    |         | <hr/> 19 |



Put 386 ox loads and 145 horse loads of gravel on the roads.

Moved 199 ox loads and 46 horse loads of stone.

Paid \$1.25 per day for men, \$1.25 for horses, \$2.00 per day for oxen, 25 cents per day for carts.

Rebuilt two bridges at an expense of \$30.55.

D. F. CLARK, *Commissioner.*

DISTRICT No. 10.

|                          |         |          |
|--------------------------|---------|----------|
| Appropriation,           |         | \$136 38 |
| Expended on Bridges,     |         | 13 78    |
|                          |         | <hr/>    |
|                          |         | \$150 16 |
| Paid Charles E. Keith,   | \$15 20 |          |
| “ Horace Phillips,       | 19 50   |          |
| “ Patrick Murphey,       | 20 25   |          |
| “ Daniel Keith,          | 12 70   |          |
| “ F. B. Littlefield,     | 38 25   |          |
| “ A. J. Allen,           | 4 00    |          |
| “ Dennis Buck,           | 5 50    |          |
| “ E. L. Allen,           | 3 13    |          |
| “ Patrick Hughes,        | 3 75    |          |
| “ S. A. Allen,           | 6 80    |          |
| “ Alfred Bellows,        | 1 25    |          |
| “ O. S. Randall,         | 1 25    |          |
| “ G. C. Newcomb,         | 25      |          |
| “ J. Randall,            | 35      |          |
| “ A. Bennett,            | 50      |          |
| “ for use of scraper,    | 1 00    |          |
| “ “ powder and fuse,     | 28      |          |
| “ “ use of tools,        | 1 75    |          |
| “ “ gravel,              | 8 98    |          |
| “ “ railing for bridges, | 7 00    |          |
| “ “ 15 lbs. spikes,      | 53      |          |
|                          | <hr/>   | 152 22   |
| Exceeded appropriation,  |         | <hr/>    |
|                          |         | \$2 06   |

Two hundred and forty-five loads of gravel and 56 loads of stone moved.

|                                      |        |
|--------------------------------------|--------|
| Average amount paid per day for men, | \$1 15 |
| “ “ “ “ “ oxen,                      | 2 00   |
| “ “ “ “ “ horse and cart,            | 1 50   |

F. B. LITTLEFIELD, *Commissioner*.

DISTRICT NO. 11.

|                                                        |        |          |
|--------------------------------------------------------|--------|----------|
| Appropriation,                                         |        | \$216 89 |
| Paid H. Hamilton, 55 hours,                            | \$6 87 |          |
| “ George W. Sylvester, 55 hours,                       | 6 87   |          |
| “ Charles E. Keith, self, oxen,<br>and cart, 67 hours, | 24 12  |          |
| “ James Grant, 70 hours,                               | 10 50  |          |
| “ Edmund Lothrop, self, oxen,<br>and cart, 10 hours,   | 3 70   |          |
| “ Hugh Curran, man, horse, and<br>cart, 70 hours,      | 21 00  |          |
| “ G. E. Williams, self, oxen, and<br>cart, 19 hours,   | 7 70   |          |
| “ Alfred A. Sisson, 69 hours,                          | 8 62   |          |
| “ F. F. Hill, 70 hours,                                | 8 75   |          |
| “ G. C. Newcomb, self, oxen, and<br>cart, 18 hours,    | 6 66   |          |
| “ G. C. Newcomb, 20 hours,                             | 2 50   |          |
| “ Charles Bonney, 90 hours,                            | 11 25  |          |
| “ H. Manahan, self, horse, and<br>cart, 100 hours,     | 30 00  |          |
| “ H. Manahan, 22 hours,                                | 2 87   |          |
| “ James Grant, Jr., 10 hours,                          | 75     |          |
| “ Mr. Douglas, 10 hours,                               | 1 25   |          |
| “ James Grant, 103 hours,                              | 12 87  |          |
| “ for repairing and use of tools,                      | 2 24   |          |
| “ for 456 loads gravel, at 8c.,                        | 36 48  |          |
|                                                        |        | <hr/>    |
|                                                        |        | \$205 00 |
| Unexpended,                                            |        | \$11 89  |

HARVEY MANAHAN, *Commissioner*.



## TREASURER'S REPORT.

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TOWN OF EASTON, *in account with*

GEO. G. WITHINGTON, *Treas.*

### Cr. CASH RECEIVED.

|                                            |            |
|--------------------------------------------|------------|
| Balance in treasury, Jan. 1,               | \$4,140 15 |
| From O. A. Ames, bal. of road money, 1874, | 44 24      |
| “ N. E. Trust Co., on loan,                | 12,000 00  |
| “ City of Taunton,                         | 40 07      |
| “ Town of Provincetown,                    | 48 66      |
| “ “ Marshfield (\$176.70),                 | 176 70     |
| “ “ Canton,                                | 69 00      |
| “ “ Beverly,                               | 24 75      |
| “ “ Sandwich,                              | 39 50      |
| “ “ Mansfield,                             | 161 80     |
| “ “ Brockton,                              | 51 50      |
| “ M. C. Lamprey, for tuition,              | 25 00      |
| “ Mrs. E. Simpson, demand note,            | 200 00     |
| “ Apothecary's license,                    | 1 00       |
| “ Jason Tinkham, in 1875, bal. road money, | 16 29      |
| “ Assessors' return of taxes,              | 19,486 16  |
| “ Easton Nat. Bank, on notes,              | 3,968 00   |
| “ Dog licenses,                            | 321 00     |
| “ Discount on payment of note,             | 2 00       |
| “ State Treasurer,                         |            |
| Corporation tax,                           | \$3,534 09 |
| National Bank tax,                         | 2,709 08   |
| State Aid,                                 | 1,152 70   |
|                                            | 7,395 87   |

|                                                           |        |             |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|--------|-------------|
| From Dog fund,                                            |        | 278 87      |
| “ Rent of Schoolhouse Hall,                               |        | 25 00       |
| “ Income of School fund,                                  |        | 242 52      |
| “ Use of road carts,                                      |        | 75          |
| “ F. B. Littlefield, overcharge on snow-<br>bill of 1877, |        | 3 00        |
| “ J. O. Dean, use of schoolhouse<br>No. 1,                | \$4 50 |             |
| “ Damage to schoolhouse No. 1,                            | 2 12   |             |
| “ Cash for Goldleaf returned,                             | 4 50   |             |
|                                                           | <hr/>  | 11 12       |
| “ P. W. Fecto, use of lock-up,                            |        | 4 00        |
| “ Town of Weymouth,                                       |        | 16 26       |
|                                                           |        | <hr/>       |
|                                                           |        | \$48,793 21 |

*Dr.* CASH PAID.

|                                        |            |
|----------------------------------------|------------|
| State tax,                             | \$1,660 00 |
| County tax,                            | 2,874 80   |
| National Bank tax,                     | 389 13     |
| County Treasurer, dog licenses,        | 321 00     |
| Six per cent discount on taxes,        | 1,169 16   |
| On account of almshouse,               | 2,505 55   |
| Support of poor outside,               | 3,966 41   |
| Warden's salary,                       | 156 97     |
| Town officer's bills,                  | 966 59     |
| Roads,                                 | 2,600 00   |
| Bridges,                               | 445 03     |
| Wages of school teachers,              | 6,894 80   |
| Fuel for schoolhouses,                 | 501 40     |
| Care of schoolhouses and making fires, | 387 84     |
| Other school and schoolhouse expenses, | 312 54     |
| Car fare of scholars to High School,   | 107 77     |
| Clearing roads of snow,                | 309 95     |
| Taxes remitted,                        | 175 78     |



|                                        |             |
|----------------------------------------|-------------|
| Printing Town Reports for 1877,        | 107 25      |
| “ blanks, notices, etc.,               | 20 00       |
| Notes and interest on ditto,           | 16,363 33   |
| Use of Town Hall,                      | 60 00       |
| Fire-proof safe,                       | 175 00      |
| Freight and moving safe,               | 15 00       |
| H. F. Dean, widening road and bridge,  | 290 00      |
| Two record-books for copies,           | 17 50       |
| Copying records,                       | 75 00       |
| Tax-book for use of assessors,         | 1 50        |
| Repairing town clock,                  | 5 00        |
| Sundry express charges,                | 2 80        |
| Sextons and undertakers,               | 8 00        |
| Bennett & Fuller, legal services,      | 72 30       |
| Dr. D. L. Randall, medical attendance, | 43 33       |
| Lucius Clapp, surveying,               | 1 50        |
| Albert W. Phillips, land damage,       | 25 00       |
| A. A. Rotch, “ “                       | 5 00        |
| John M. Gay, damages to horse,         | 40 00       |
| “ “ jr., “ to buggy, etc.,             | 8 00        |
| Bound stone,                           | 5 00        |
| Witness fees and travel,               | 9 04        |
| P. W. Fecto, care of lock-up,          | 24 00       |
|                                        | <hr/>       |
|                                        | \$43,118 27 |

State aid as follows : —

|                      |          |
|----------------------|----------|
| George A. Lackey,    | \$120 00 |
| Charles T. Williams, | 72 00    |
| J. H. Ridlon,        | 96 00    |
| William Crockett,    | 84 00    |
| James Wells,         | 51 00    |
| Celia J. Wells,      | 24 00    |
| Charles F. Lothrop,  | 27 00    |
| D. S. Drew,          | 96 00    |

|                    |            |
|--------------------|------------|
| G. N. Blanchard,   | \$84 00    |
| Edward A. Cotter,  | 54 00      |
| Andrew N. Grady,   | 36 00      |
| J. W. McDonald,    | 36 00      |
| Thomas Donahue,    | 36 00      |
| Francis McKenny,   | 27 00      |
| Lizzie E. Pool,    | 48 00      |
| Caroline F. Hill,  | 48 00      |
| Charlotte A. Pope, | 48 00      |
| Eveline Legrow,    | 48 00      |
| Salome Lothrop,    | 48 00      |
| Mary Richards,     | 48 00      |
| Mary McEvoy,       | 48 00      |
| Annie Haney,       | 48 00      |
|                    | <hr/>      |
|                    | \$1,227 00 |

State aid under Chap. 282, Acts of  
1878, as follows : —

|                     |         |
|---------------------|---------|
| James Murphy,       | \$69 60 |
| William Murphy,     | 58 00   |
| John Kenny, Jr.,    | 20 00   |
| Josiah Williams,    | 32 00   |
| C. W. Belcher,      | 14 28   |
| W. H. Keenan,       | 24 00   |
| John Burkett,       | 16 00   |
| George H. Drake,    | 16 00   |
| Thomas McGrath,     | 6 00    |
| Lewis B. Wade,      | 8 00    |
| Nicholas Murphy,    | 41 63   |
| Seth Williamson,    | 57 20   |
| William S. Henrys,  | 96 30   |
| Ezra G. Whittemore, | 18 00   |
| Charles H. McGuire, | 18 00   |
| Henry M. Holmes,    | 18 00   |



|                    |                   |                   |
|--------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| W. H. Bosworth,    | \$18 00           |                   |
| Thomas Mason,      | 12 00             |                   |
| Charles H. Smith,  | 10 00             |                   |
|                    | <u>          </u> | \$553 01          |
|                    |                   | <u>          </u> |
|                    |                   | \$44,898 28       |
| Uncollected taxes, | \$2,548 55        |                   |
| Cash in treasury,  | 1,346 38          |                   |
|                    | <u>          </u> | 3,894 93          |
|                    |                   | <u>          </u> |
|                    |                   | \$48,793 21       |

GEORGE G. WITHINGTON, *Treasurer.*

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#### AUDITOR'S REPORT.

EASTON, Feb. 6, 1879.

We, the subscribers, auditors of the accounts of the town of Easton, for the year ending Dec. 31, 1878, have examined the accounts of George G. Withington, treasurer, and have found the same correctly cast and properly vouched for.

EDWARD N. MORSE,  
GEO. W. KENNEDY,  
*Auditors.*

## CONDITION OF TREASURY.

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### ASSETS. Dec. 31, 1878.

|                         |            |            |
|-------------------------|------------|------------|
| Cash,                   | \$1,346 38 |            |
| Uncollected Taxes,      | 2,548 55   |            |
| Due from Commonwealth : |            |            |
| For State aid,          | \$1,780 01 |            |
| " aid to poor,          | 182 68     |            |
|                         | <hr/>      | 1,962 69   |
| Due from Raynham,       |            | 33 37      |
| " Taunton,              |            | 208 00     |
| " Norton,               |            | 3 00       |
|                         | <hr/>      | \$6,101 99 |

### LIABILITIES.

|                               |            |                  |
|-------------------------------|------------|------------------|
| Note at Easton National Bank, | \$2,000 00 |                  |
| " to Mrs. E. Simpson,         | 200 00     |                  |
| Interest on do.,              | 6 24       |                  |
| Due on warden's salary,       | 293 03     |                  |
|                               | <hr/>      | \$2,499 27       |
| Balance in favor of treasury, |            | <hr/> \$3,602 72 |

GEO. G. WITHINGTON, *Treasurer.*



## BIRTHS REGISTERED IN EASTON IN 1878.

| DATE.   | NAME OF CHILD.               | SEX | NAMES OF PARENTS.           |
|---------|------------------------------|-----|-----------------------------|
| Jan. 1  | Marion Sylvester Hamilton    | F.  | Andrew and Louisa.          |
| " 2     | Emily C. Anderson . . . .    | F.  | Andrew and Eva.             |
| " 14    | Margaret Hannah Mahony       | F.  | John and Mary.              |
| " 18    | Henry Kendall Thompson .     | M.  | Horace G. and Annie E.      |
| " 19    | Alice Mary Flynn . . . . .   | F.  | William A. and Mary A.      |
| " 30    | Hattie Belle Heath . . . . . | F.  | Henry W. and Mary T.        |
| Feb. 1  | Nellie Sweeny . . . . .      | F.  | Adam and Margaret.          |
| " 6     | Alice Dean . . . . .         | F.  | John F. and Mary S.         |
| " 6     | Ernst A. A. Anderson . .     | M.  | August and Olivia.          |
| " 7     | Ethel Helene Copeland . .    | F.  | George and Harriet A.       |
| " 12    | Joseph Russell Clarke . .    | M.  | Joseph and Eveline B.       |
| " 14    | John Riordan . . . . .       | M.  | Dennis and Joanna.          |
| " 15    | John Stanley Ames . . . .    | M.  | Frederic L. and Caroline B. |
| " 18    | Edna E. Foster . . . . .     | F.  | Solomon R. and Caroline.    |
| " 25    | Elizabeth Lynch . . . . .    | F.  | Cornelius and Mary.         |
| March 2 | Mary Ann Layhe . . . . .     | F.  | Michael and Kate.           |
| " 4     | George Schrant . . . . .     | M.  | Simon and Anna M.           |
| " 5     | John Fred. R. Olsen . . .    | M.  | Powell and Carolina.        |
| " 6     | Frederic Hammond . . . .     | M.  | Lewis H. and Julia.         |
| " 7     | Walter B. Williams . . . .   | M.  | James F. and Hannah J.      |
| " 8     | Adriana Thoursse . . . . .   | F.  | Christian and Anna.         |
| " 17    | Anna Sophia Eberg . . . .    | F.  | Andrew and Anna Sophia.     |
| " 19    | Elizabeth Jane Flannagan     | F.  | Matthew and Eliza L.        |
| " 25    | Jeremiah Thomas Lordan       | M.  | William and Mary.           |
| " 25    | — Stone . . . . .            | M.  | George H. and Hattie L.     |
| " 28    | Henry Preston Fitton . .     | M.  | Webster C. and Annie E.     |
| April 1 | Edward Mullen . . . . .      | M.  | Hugh and Kate.              |
| " 4     | Charles Lewis Shaw . . . .   | M.  | Charles H. and Ellen.       |
| " 4     | Mary Ann O'Callaghan . .     | F.  | Owen and Ellen.             |
| " 5     | Joseph Melvin Phillips . .   | M.  | Horace D. and Nettie E.     |
| " 6     | Robert McEntee . . . . .     | M.  | John and Ann.               |
| " 7     | Leslie K. Clapp . . . . .    | M.  | Eustis K. and Abby.         |
| " 11    | Jarda Alfreda Rohdin . .     | F.  | John A. and Christine.      |
| " 12    | Maud Lillian Marshall . .    | F.  | J. Howard and Elsie H.      |
| " 12    | Earle Percy Marshall . . .   | M.  | Thomas R. and Mary E.       |
| " 19    | James Elwin Clark . . . .    | M.  | James W. and Susan H.       |
| " 22    | Susan Thompson Howard        | F.  | Thos. R. and Sarah Maria.   |
| " 30    | Lee Shelton Keith . . . . .  | M.  | Jonathan W. and Sarah W.    |
| May 7   | Alice Gorham . . . . .       | F.  | James and Margaret.         |
| " 11    | Cornelius Murphy . . . . .   | M.  | — Ellen Callaghan.          |
| " 12    | James Edward Quane . . .     | M.  | Daniel and Fanny.           |
| " 22    | Cornelius Harvey . . . . .   | M.  | Cornelius and Mary.         |
| " 23    | James Leary . . . . .        | M.  | James and Ellen.            |
| " 28    | Harriet Vesta Stone . . . .  | F.  | Edwin Minot & Mary Ann.     |
| June 3  | June Eva Holmes . . . . .    | F.  | Henry M. & Anjeanette T.    |
| " 5     | Louis Arthur Miller . . . .  | M.  | Isaac L. and Esther J.      |
| " 6     | Frederic Butler Shields . .  | M.  | Patrick and Annie.          |
| " 20    | Katie Flannagan . . . . .    | F.  | John and Bridget.           |
| " 24    | James Bradley . . . . .      | M.  | James and Mary Ann.         |
| " 28    | Margaret Joseph'e Stanton    | M.  | Patrick and Margaret.       |
| " 29    | Maynard Oliver Leonard .     | M.  | Peleg O. and Lydia F.       |

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN EASTON IN 1878, — *Continued.*

| DATE. | NAME OF CHILD.                 | SEX. | NAMES OF PARENTS.          |
|-------|--------------------------------|------|----------------------------|
| July  | 2 Luella Francis Keenan . .    | F.   | Wm. H. and Sarah Jane.     |
| "     | 6 Charles Earle Keith . . .    | M.   | George E. and Emma E.      |
| "     | 9 John Ready . . . . .         | M.   | James and Agnes.           |
| "     | 12 John Moore . . . . .        | M.   | Peter and Ellen.           |
| "     | 12 Patrick Moore . . . . .     | M.   | Peter and Ellen.           |
| "     | 19 Lottie Lillian Smith . . .  | F.   | Charles H. and Caroline L. |
| "     | 26 Cora Alberta Drew . . . .   | F.   | Dennison S. and Susan E.   |
| "     | 26 William James McCarty . .   | M.   | Jeremiah and Margaret.     |
| "     | 27 Ethel May Marshall . . .    | F.   | Herbert C. and Myra E.     |
| "     | 29 James Maloy . . . . .       | M.   | Patrick and Mary.          |
| Aug.  | 13 Anna Maria Burns . . . .    | F.   | James and Bridget.         |
| "     | 13 Gertrude Clifford Belcher . | F.   | George C. and Mary A.      |
| "     | 16 Helen Lena Brett . . . .    | F.   | George R. and Mary A.      |
| "     | 17 Milton Elbert Taylor . . .  | M.   | Henry and Orissa.          |
| "     | 25 ——— Litchfield . . . . .    | M.   | Thomas L. and Sarah F.     |
| "     | 27 Arthur Bellows . . . . .    | M.   | Otis Warren and Louisa.    |
| "     | 30 John Reilly . . . . .       | M.   | Michael and Hannah.        |
| Sept. | 1 Ella Wise . . . . .          | F.   | Oliver L. and Mary.        |
| "     | 2 William Turpin . . . . .     | M.   | John and Margaret.         |
| "     | 7 Charles Martin Ripley . .    | M.   | Martin W. and Almatia B.   |
| "     | 8 Melvina Adelaide Bennett .   | F.   | Alfred L. and Mary B.      |
| "     | 14 William Henry Walker . .    | M.   | ——— Nellie.                |
| "     | 20 ——— Hall . . . . .          | F.   | James L. and Elizabeth.    |
| Oct.  | 5 John Thos. Francis Sullivan  | M.   | Thomas and Ellen.          |
| "     | 9 ——— Howard . . . . .         | F.   | William C. and Mary.       |
| "     | 10 John Cunningham . . . .     | M.   | Thomas and Alice.          |
| "     | 12 William James Kelleher . .  | M.   | Jeremiah and Lizzie.       |
| "     | 13 Jacob Leeson . . . . .      | M.   | Jacob and Margaret E.      |
| "     | 15 Frank Galligan . . . . .    | M.   | Bernard and Annie.         |
| "     | 15 Alice Florence Thayer . .   | F.   | Hiram and Lizzie B.        |
| "     | 16 Lizzie Maud Hewett . . .    | F.   | Chs. Francis & Lucy Emma.  |
| "     | 18 Frederic Thomas Connolly    | M.   | Thomas and Kate            |
| "     | 21 Jennie M. Ramsdell . . .    | F.   | Dean F. and Emma J.        |
| "     | 21 George Elmer Norton . .     | M.   | James and Lydia M.         |
| "     | 25 Hannah Elizabeth Carney .   | F.   | Timothy and Julia.         |
| "     | 26 Thomas Francis Butler . .   | M.   | Michael and Hannah.        |
| "     | 27 James Ahearn . . . . .      | M.   | John and Sarah.            |
| "     | 29 Lottie Mitchell . . . . .   | F.   | Horace G. and Lizzie.      |
| "     | 31 Mary Vaughn . . . . .       | F.   | John and Catherine.        |
| Nov.  | 5 ——— Williams . . . . .       | M.   | Henry M. and Lucy A.       |
| "     | 14 Annie Elizabeth Hamilton    | F.   | Henry and Mary.            |
| "     | 15 John Alexander Burke . .    | M.   | Richard and Ann Eliza.     |
| "     | 16 Esther Elizabeth Soule . .  | F.   | Nelson P. and Lucy A.      |
| "     | 23 Catherine Nelis . . . . .   | F.   | Bernard and Margaret.      |
| Dec.  | 1 Carrie Morton Smith . . .    | F.   | William H. and Sarah B.    |
| "     | 9 Charles Degnan . . . . .     | M.   | Patrick and Mary.          |
| "     | 19 ——— Randall . . . . .       | F.   | Charles and Adelia.        |



# MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN EASTON IN 1878.

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| DATE.     | NAMES.                                                                  |
|-----------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Jan. 20.  | Oren F. Lincoln and Cora E. Belcher, both of Easton.                    |
| Feb. 16.  | Royal H. Wade and Anna F. Drew, both of Easton.                         |
| Mar. 5.   | Warren D. Jones, of Boston, and Leonora Lothrop, of Easton.             |
| May 5.    | James Mayall and Alice M. Drake, both of Easton.                        |
| June 3.   | Sylvester H. Day and Sarah E. Dickerman, both of Easton.                |
| June 20.  | Edward Travis, of Easton, and Hannah Murphy, of Taunton.                |
| June 26.  | John C. Wilder, of Brockton, and Helen Carr, of Easton,                 |
| July 3.   | Thomas W. Howard, of Easton, and Laura C. Lothrop, of West Bridgewater. |
| July 13.  | Edward J. Ellis and Hattie E. Keith, both of Cambridge.                 |
| July 27.  | Arthur G. Howard and Harriet E. Fuller, both of Easton.                 |
| Aug. 3.   | Athel E. Gooch, of Easton, and Cora E. Moorhouse, of Mansfield.         |
| Aug. 28.  | Jabez Talbot, Jr., of Stoughton, and Hannah A. Williams, of Easton.     |
| Sept. 25. | Fred A. Fuller, of Easton, and Evelyn A. Francis, of Somerset.          |
| Sept. 26. | Emmerick H. Grumberg and Beata S. Jeppson, both of Easton.              |
| Sept. 29. | James H. Loughton and Sarah R. Ellison, both of Easton.                 |
| Oct. 8.   | Ramoth G. Randall and Belinda H. Elliott, both of Easton.               |
| Oct. 11.  | Alphonzo E. Evans, of Easton, and Anna Smith, of Norton.                |
| Oct. 21.  | Thomson Sanders and Isabella McNeil, both of Easton.                    |
| Nov. 7.   | Leroy T. Evans and Henrietta Wetherby, both of Easton.                  |
| Nov. 26.  | William A. McNamara, of Stoughton, and Mary A. Grady, of Easton.        |
| Nov. 28.  | Willis B. Drew, of Brockton, and Emily M. Keith, of Easton.             |
| Nov. 28.  | Geo. L. Raymond, of Hanson, and Ida W. Bailey, of Easton.               |
| Dec. 3.   | Fred A. Howard, of Easton, and Nellie W. Lowell, of East Bridgewater.   |
| Dec. 5.   | Charles D. Packard, of Brockton, and Almira E. Richmond, of Easton.     |
| Dec. 20.  | Thomas Murray and Ellen Reilly, both of Easton.                         |
| Dec. 24.  | George L. Allen, of Worcester, and Lenette G. Sisson, of Easton.        |
| Dec. 28.  | Henry L. Brown and Mary E. Allen, both of Easton.                       |

## DEATHS REGISTERED IN EASTON IN 1878.

| DATE.    | NAMES.                   | AGE. |      |      | CAUSE OF DEATH.     |
|----------|--------------------------|------|------|------|---------------------|
|          |                          | Yrs. | Mos. | Dys. |                     |
| Jan. 2,  | Eliza Carr . . . . .     | 72   | ..   | 27   | Chronic Diarrhoea.  |
| " 26,    | Delia M. Copeland . .    | 73   | 9    | 23   | Paralysis of Brain. |
| " 27,    | Viola Williams . . . .   | 5    | 5    | 29   | Membranous Croup.   |
| Feb. 1,  | Theron M. Porter . .     | 49   | 1    | 12   | Miletas.            |
| " 3,     | Sylvia M. Snow . . .     | 1    | 5    | 19   | Convulsions.        |
| " 5,     | Mary Linnehan . . . .    | ..   | 4    | 16   | Spinal Disease.     |
| " 25,    | Jessie A. Hepburn . .    | 6    | 7    | 13   | Diphtheritic Croup. |
| Mar. 20, | Deborah Dean . . . .     | 83   | 8    | 1    | Congest'n of Brain. |
| April 8, | Patrick Riley . . . .    | 45   | ..   | ..   | Phthisis Pulm.      |
| " 9,     | Billings Fisher . . . .  | 60   | 9    | 4    | Suicide (shooting). |
| " 16,    | Tisdale Godfrey . . .    | 73   | 11   | ..   | Over-exertion.      |
| " 29,    | Frances Dineen . . . .   | 4    | 6    | 17   | Measles.            |
| May 1,   | Frank H. Ericcson . .    | ..   | 5    | 12   | Convulsions.        |
| " 10,    | Elita A. Dean . . . .    | 45   | 11   | 20   | Tumor.              |
| " 15,    | Annie E. Donavan . .     | ..   | 9    | 9    | Meningitis.         |
| June 6,  | Mary Ann R. Reed . .     | 65   | 1    | 4    | Consumption.        |
| " 17,    | Timothy Lyons . . . .    | ..   | ..   | 2    | Inanition.          |
| " 27,    | James Wells . . . . .    | 60   | 1    | 13   | Marasmus.           |
| July 10, | Eliza J. Warner . . . .  | 51   | ..   | 7    | Consumption.        |
| " 12,    | Patrick Moore . . . .    | 0    | 0    | 0    | Inanition.          |
| " 18,    | Charles T. Slevin . . .  | 51   | ..   | 6    | Enæmia of Brain.    |
| " 18,    | Edward Mullins . . . .   | ..   | 4    | 3    | Convulsions.        |
| Aug. 10, | James Elwin Clark . .    | ..   | 3    | 22   | Consumption.        |
| " 13,    | Frederic B. Shields . .  | ..   | 2    | 7    | Cholera Infantum.   |
| " 13,    | Mary Otis Snow . . . .   | ..   | 2    | ..   | Convulsions.        |
| " 17,    | Mercy W. Keith . . . .   | 49   | 3    | ..   | Tumor.              |
| " 19,    | Ellen M. Middleton . .   | 31   | 10   | ..   | Phthisis Pulm.      |
| " 26,    | Honora Turpin . . . .    | 75   | ..   | ..   | Paralysis.          |
| " 29,    | Marion Bruce . . . . .   | ..   | 5    | 28   | Cholera Infantum.   |
| Sept. 1, | John Reardon . . . . .   | ..   | 6    | 18   | " "                 |
| " 12,    | Frederic Hammond . .     | ..   | 6    | 6    | Whooping Cough.     |
| " 18,    | Minnie L. Drake . . .    | 4    | 7    | 4    | Diphth'a and Croup. |
| " 21,    | Mary D. Curran . . . .   | 37   | 11   | 9    | Pneumonia.          |
| " 29,    | John Hallihan . . . .    | 8    | 2    | 1    | Convulsions.        |
| Oct. 2,  | Daniel Reed . . . . .    | 81   | 6    | 10   | Heart Disease.      |
| " 14,    | Abbie L. Randall . . .   | 22   | 4    | 12   | Phthisis Pulm.      |
| " 17,    | Ella Wise . . . . .      | ..   | ..   | 26   | Pertussis.          |
| " 28,    | Ellen F. Quane . . . .   | 2    | 8    | 8    | Convulsions.        |
| Nov. 1,  | Horace M. Pool . . . .   | 75   | 3    | 22   | Heart Disease.      |
| " 7,     | Sarah T. Collins . . . . | 18   | ..   | ..   | Typhoid Fever.      |
| " 11,    | Jacob Leeson . . . . .   | ..   | ..   | 28   | Pertussis.          |
| " 12,    | Vesta A. Sampson . . .   | 28   | 6    | 8    | Cancer.             |
| " 15,    | Emily C. Anderson . .    | ..   | 10   | 13   | Convulsions.        |
| " 16,    | Lucy Z. Southworth . .   | 69   | 7    | 6    | Cons. of Bowels.    |
| " 21,    | John Moore . . . . .     | ..   | 4    | 9    | Pertussis.          |
| " 25,    | Augusta M. Ericcson, .   | 34   | ..   | ..   | Phthisis.           |
| Dec. 3,  | Emma J. Ramsdale . .     | 22   | 3    | 26   | Asthma.             |
| " 11,    | Lucy E. Marshall . . .   | 1    | 10   | 23   | Diphtheria.         |
| " 24,    | Sarah A. McGinty . . .   | 23   | 5    | 25   | Phthisis Pulm.      |
| " 27,    | Margaret Cahill . . . .  | 22   | ..   | 6    | Typhoid Fever.      |
|          | Charles Hayward . . .    | 65   | ..   | ..   | Pneumonia.          |



## LIST OF JURORS.

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Leavitt L. Berry,  
Dennis S. Buck,  
Lucius Bonney,  
Joseph Barrows,  
Joseph Copeland,  
Daniel F. Clark,  
Abbott L. Drake,  
John O. Dean,  
Charles R. Dickerman,  
Patrick F. Derby,  
Daniel W. Dickerman,  
George F. Evans,  
William H. Frost,  
Levi Fitton,  
Alpheus Fobes,  
Frank E. Goward,  
Edwin A. Gilmore,  
Henry Hamilton,  
Edward R. Hayward,  
Thaxter D. Hervey,  
William C. Howard,  
Edwin D. Howard,

Jonathan W. Keith,  
Nathan King,  
Thomas B. Keith,  
Augustus W. Lothrop,  
Daniel C. Lillie,  
Eugene T. Lothrop,  
Jonathan A. Pratt,  
Nathaniel W. Perry,  
Warren Packard,  
William P. Packard,  
Martin W. Ripley,  
Ramoith G. Randall,  
Lucius D. Seaver,  
Horace K. Spalding,  
William F. Staples,  
Elijah P. Spooner,  
Frederic G. Thayer,  
William J. Twohig,  
Charles T. Williams,  
Edward D. Williams,  
Henry P. Waite,  
Lemuel K. Wilber.

J. A. PRATT,  
HIRAM WILLIAMS,  
WILLIAM C. HOWARD,

*Selectmen of Easton.*

EASTON, Feb. 8, 1879.

## TOWN WARRANT.

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BRISTOL, SS.

TO PHILANDER W. FECTO, *Constable of the Town of Easton, in the County of Bristol,*

GREETING :

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the town of Easton qualified to vote in elections and town affairs to meet in the Town Hall in said Easton, on the third day of March next, at one o'clock in the afternoon, then and there to act on the following articles :—

1st. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

2d. To see if the town will accept the report of the selectmen, overseers of the poor, road commissioners, treasurer, and school committee.

3d. To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year.

4th. To determine the manner of repairing the highways, townways, and bridges for the ensuing year.

5th. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the town charges for the ensuing year, and make appropriations for the same.

6th. To see if the town will authorize the treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

7th. To see if the town will raise and appropriate money to pay the fare on the railroad from Easton to



North Easton for such scholars as wish to attend the High School at North Easton.

8th. To see if the town will accept the list of jurors, as made out by the selectmen.

9th. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to widen and straighten Canton Street, as laid out and ordered to be built, by the County Commissioners.

10th. To see if the town will raise and appropriate money to pay its proportion of the sum assessed by the County Commissioners upon the County of Bristol, toward building the bridge across Taunton River, at Somerset.

11th. To see if the town will accept the widening of the road near the residence of Rotheus H. Reed, as laid out by the selectmen, and raise and appropriate money for the same.

12th. To see if the town will accept the widening of the road near the residence of Edwin T. Goward, leading from the turnpike to West Bridgewater line, as laid out by the selectmen, and raise and appropriate money for the same.

13th. To see if the town will accept the fund bequeathed to it by the late Hon. Oliver Ames, for the support of schools in said town, and, if so, will by vote determine who shall receive and receipt for said fund from the executors and hold the same for the town.

14th. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public meeting-houses in said town, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant,

with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this twenty-first day of February, in the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy-nine.

J. A. PRATT,  
HIRAM WILLIAMS,  
WM. C. HOWARD,  
*Selectmen of Easton.*



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ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
OF THE  
TOWN OF EASTON.

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## SCHOOL COMMITTEE FOR 1878.

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J. O. DEAN,

GEO. C. BELCHER,

L. S. DRAKE,

WM. L. CHAFFIN,

OLIVER AMES.

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## TEACHERS EMPLOYED DURING THE YEAR.

|        |                     |        |                     |
|--------|---------------------|--------|---------------------|
| No. 1. | Hannah A. Williams. | No. 7. | M. A. Higginbottom. |
| " 1.   | M. W. Corliss.      | " 7.   | Belle Calef.        |
| " 2.   | Belle G. Heath.     | " 7.   | M. E. Fitton.       |
| " 2.   | Alice H. Round.     | " 7.   | E. E. Williams.     |
| " 3.   | Lottie M. Heath.    | " 7.   | H. A. Holmes.       |
| Union. | M. E. Heyward.      | " 7.   | J. F. Russell.      |
| "      | Fannie W. Kaan.     | " 7.   | Carrie E. Gay.      |
| "      | Nellie B. Furber.   | " 7.   | M. J. Reynolds.     |
| "      | Louise F. Williams. | " 8.   | Helen L. Gay.       |
| No. 6. | Carrie A. Keith.    | " 9.   | Susie M. Butters.   |
| " 7.   | M. C. Lamprey.      | " 10.  | Ella L. Bradish.    |
| " 7.   | E. T. Atkinson.     | " 10.  | Louisa C. Young.    |



## REPORT.

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*To the Citizens of Easton:*

The undersigned present the following report of the schools of Easton for the year 1878:—

The schools have been kept three terms of twelve weeks each, thirty-six weeks; or one week longer than last year.

### STATISTICS.

We present the following statistics, some of which deserve careful notice on account of their bearing upon the question of complying with the conditions of the bequest for the benefit of our schools made by the late Hon. Oliver Ames:—

|                                                |            |
|------------------------------------------------|------------|
| Amount appropriated for the support of schools |            |
| at the March meeting of 1878,                  | \$7,700 00 |
| Whole amount available for schools,            | \$8,278 01 |
| Number of children in town May 1, 1878, be-    |            |
| tween five and fifteen years of age,           | 800        |
| This is a decrease from last year of           | 26         |
| Whole number of different scholars enrolled    |            |
| on the school registers for 1878,              | 901        |
| Of this number there were over fifteen years   |            |
| of age,                                        | 84         |
| And under five years,                          | 24         |

|                                                                                                               |          |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| Amount per scholar between five and fifteen years of age appropriated by Easton for 1878,                     | *\$9 97  |
| Average amount per scholar appropriated in 1878 by the cities and towns of the State,                         | 14 30    |
| Average amount raised by taxation in 1878 by the cities and towns of the State,                               | 14 10    |
| Average amount raised by taxation in 1878 by towns of the State,                                              | 10 79    |
| Average amount raised by taxation in Easton, 1878,                                                            | 9 62     |
| Average amount per scholar raised by the towns of the State in excess over that of Easton, 1878,              | 1 17     |
| Amount necessary if Easton raises and appropriates the amount per scholar averaged by the towns of the State, | 8,632 00 |
| Percentage of valuation appropriated to public schools, Easton being 189th out of 344 towns and cities,       | 0.0031   |

#### THE BEQUEST OF THE LATE HON. OLIVER AMES.

The town of Easton has been incorporated for one hundred and fifty-four years. For the first time in its history, it is the favored recipient of most generous bequests. \$50,000 were given to provide a public library

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\* This result is obtained by adding to the amount raised by taxes for schools "the income of surplus revenue and of other funds held in a similar way" (which in 1878 was simply the dog tax), and dividing the sum by the number of children in town between five and fifteen years of age.  $\$7,700.00 + \$278.87 \div 800 = \$9.97$ .



for the use of the inhabitants of Easton. \$50,000 are bequeathed to the town as a permanent fund, to be applied for the repair of public highways. And from the same public-spirited benefactor has come the more important gift of \$50,000 for the support of public schools. This liberal bequest puts it in the power of Easton to secure educational advantages equal to those possessed by any, and superior to those of most of the towns of the State. It will give our town an enviable reputation in this regard; will provide our children with the means of gaining the highest education that the best public schools can give, with other advantages not usually afforded by them; and, for these reasons, will be likely to attract to our town those who will be most desirable citizens. That the conditions of this bequest will be complied with, there seems to be no reasonable ground for doubt. It would be strange indeed if any town should refuse to be thus enriched. But inasmuch as some of our citizens may not understand the results to the town of complying with the specified conditions, and may desire to know the facts and bearings of the subject, your committee deem it advisable to present them as fully as convenient. This we do, commending them to the careful consideration of all whose interests are involved. The following is the clause of the will that contains the bequest: —

“I give and bequeath, upon the conditions hereinafter set forth, to the town of Easton, to be held in trust as a permanent fund for the purposes herein named, \$50,000 of the ‘eight per cent sinking fund bonds of the Union Pacific Railroad Company,’ at their par value, the income of which shall be used for the support of the public schools of the town of Easton, as follows: Three fourths

of said income shall be appropriated to the support of the common schools and High School kept in the schoolhouse built by Oliver Ames & Sons, in North Easton, or any schoolhouse built on the same site designed to accommodate the scholars of School District No. 7 in North Easton or High School scholars ; and the other quarter of said income for the support of the other public schools of said Easton. Provided, however, that if said town of Easton shall, in any year, fail to raise, by taxation, for the support of its public schools, an amount of money per scholar equal to the average amount per scholar raised by the several towns in the State of Massachusetts in the preceding year for the same purpose, or if the amount appropriated by said town from its money raised by taxation for the schools kept in said school-house, or other building on the same site, shall in any year be less per scholar than the average amount per scholar appropriated by said town from its money raised by taxation for the support of ALL its schools, then the said bonds, or other proceeds constituting said fund, shall revert to and become the property of my heirs-at-law, to be by them donated to some charitable purpose, one half of the amount to be given for the support of the above-named schools in North Easton."

#### ADVANTAGES DERIVABLE FROM THE BEQUEST.

The citizens of Easton would doubtless vote to comply with the requirements of this legacy, if it could be shown that this money could all be judiciously and profitably used for the purposes for which it was bestowed. Any doubts on this point will vanish on careful examination. The income of the bequest, added to the required appro-



priation for 1879, and the other funds reckoned with it, would amount to an average of sixteen dollars and thirteen cents (\$16.13) per scholar between the ages of five and fifteen years. The question, Whether or not that amount can be wisely expended, is settled by this important fact: that *twenty-four towns, some of which are among the most intelligent towns of the State, spend even larger sums for education.* Among these towns are Walpole, where, in 1878, the appropriation per scholar was \$16.18; Greenfield, \$17.16; Dedham, \$17.59; Concord, \$18.43; Lancaster, \$19.74; Lexington, \$20.55; Winchester, \$21.31; and Brookline, \$27.84. In these twenty-four towns, these sums are raised *entirely by taxation*, save that three towns use the receipts of their dog tax for that purpose, whereas about ~~one-fourth~~ *third* the expense of education here would be sustained by the income from the legacy. Any one who will visit the schools, and especially the High Schools, in the above-named places, will soon perceive the admirable wisdom of providing thus liberally for educational purposes.

To specify all the improvements, in detail, that might result from such increased funds, would exceed the proper limits of this Annual Report. But as the question has often been asked, "What is the use of so much money for school purposes?" we present, as briefly as convenient, the following points.

I. *A First-class High School.* — Those who have not given the subject attention are not aware how much can and ought to be done to increase the excellence and raise the standard of our High School. The last and present master have been compelled to conduct twelve recitations a day. Deducting recesses, etc., this gives an average of

only twenty minutes to a recitation, and it is simply impossible in that time to give them anything like the attention they deserve. The High School studies are of such a nature that no one can do justice to more than eight a day. The need, then, of a competent assistant teacher is imperative. We have felt it for several years, but the funds at our disposal have prevented the outlay necessary to secure one. But this bequest provides us with the means for a thorough reorganization of the High School, and for making it first-class in nearly every respect. The hiring of an assistant teacher is not all that is needed. From time to time, valuable additions may be made in the apparatus needed for illustration in Natural Philosophy and Chemistry; designs and charts for Physiology and Geometry; instruments for Astronomy, etc. For those who desired it, special courses of instruction might be given, by skilled instructors, in Surveying and Civil Engineering. The modern languages, Music, and Drawing might also be taught. In short, with the ample means now furnished, Easton can have a High School it may well be proud of, where all the advantages possible to such an institution will be freely offered to all. With this generous legacy this can be done; without it, it cannot. That the *whole town* has much at stake in this matter is evident from this fact: that eighteen, or one third of all the Easton scholars who attended the High School in 1878, were from parts of the town outside No. 7.

II. *Improved Schools throughout the Town.* — The advantages of such a High School will attract an increasing proportion of scholars together from different parts of the town. Nevertheless, there may be some who, from poor health or want of time or other reasons, may find it incon-



venient or undesirable to go back and forth in attendance upon the school. It is important to provide for such scholars, advantages such as may fall as little as possible below those of the High School. Our increased funds would enable us to do this, to procure and retain teachers capable of conducting recitations in advanced studies. These schools might also be as much improved for the younger scholars. If needful in any school, an assistant, for part of the day or more, could be provided, and everything done to insure success.

III. It is very evident, also, that for all schools we should have the means for securing the best teachers. These could not be hired away from us, as they sometimes are now, when their success is marked. As the right education of our children is one of our highest interests, it needs no argument to prove the need of having it conducted in the best manner possible. The Supreme Court of the State has declared, "The character of the schools will depend upon the character of the teachers, and the character of the teachers will depend upon the compensation."

IV. *Improved Apparatus for all the Schools.* — The rigid economy exercised in the past has hindered the purchase of many things that would be very serviceable in aiding public instruction. Improved maps, charts, and books of reference are much needed in all the schools in town, and the legacy will place the best of them within our reach.

V. *More Schooling.* — Many towns in the State enjoy forty weeks' schooling in the year. This fact in part accounts for their higher average cost per scholar. How many of our citizens may desire four additional weeks'

schooling per year, we cannot now determine ; but if they should desire it, the legacy furnishes the means of having them.

VI. Much regret has been expressed by many parents that scarcely any and no systematic attention was paid to the study of music. This bequest will make it possible to provide for all the schools, where one is called for and desired, a competent music teacher, who could manage this delightful and refining branch of instruction, and thus develop and improve the musical tastes and gifts of our children. If the town should so desire, a teacher of penmanship and drawing would also be possible.

These are some of the advantages that might be gained to the town by the increased funds. Others will readily suggest themselves to those who consider the subject. The great educational advantages Easton may now enjoy will make it a desirable place of residence, especially for those whose place of abode is determined by this consideration, as frequently happens. These advantages, with the fine library ere long to minister its blessing to the town, and with the ample means for having unexcelled highways, for all of which we shall be indebted to our lamented townsman, — and, withal, the low taxes, — will make the town an attractive dwelling-place. These considerations seem a sufficient reply to the question, "Can so large a sum of money be judiciously expended for schools?"

#### CONDITIONS OF POSSESSION.

They are three: 1. That Easton shall raise, by taxation, for the support of schools, as much money per scholar as the average amount per scholar raised by the



several towns\* of the State; 2. That the average amount appropriated by Easton, from money raised by taxation, to scholars in North Easton, shall not be less than the average amount appropriated to all the scholars of the town; and, 3. That three fourths of the income of the bequest shall be devoted to the schools in North Easton, including the High School.

I. The first condition will certainly commend itself to thoughtful minds as a wise one. Were there nothing of the kind, this generous gift might tempt the town to reduce its appropriations; so that the schools, whose good the donor had in view, might receive no benefit at all from it. Even apart from what Easton will now gain by complying with this condition, that rule—viz., to raise simply the average amount per scholar raised by the towns of the State—seems the best that could be adopted. If governed by this principle, we would no longer have to trust to the judgment or misjudgment of our school committee; and there surely is no good reason why Easton should show less interest in education and raise less money per scholar than the other towns of the State. While we appropriated, in 1878, but \$9.97 per scholar, Canton appropriated \$12.73; Randolph, \$12.48; Brockton, \$12.26; Foxborough, \$12.14; East Bridgewater, \$11.85; Bridgewater, \$11.81; Abington, \$11.39. (See annual school returns for 1878.) All these towns appropriate considerably above the average per scholar in the towns of the State. Shall we not at least come up to the average?

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\* By the word "towns," as used in the bequest, we have the best authority for stating that the testator meant *towns alone*, and not towns and cities. Had he meant towns and cities, he would have so written it. This is the interpretation of the executors of the will, and the only one conceivable from the reason and facts of the case.

To adopt this rule would be wise under nearly any circumstances; but it is of the utmost importance now, for only by so doing will the town secure the great benefits of the bequest we are considering.

II. Some explanation may be needed regarding the second condition named in the bequest, viz., that the same amount per scholar be appropriated to the scholars in North Easton that is appropriated to all the scholars in town.

Objection has been made to this, on the ground that the scholars in No. 7 can have equal advantages with scholars in other parts of the town, at less cost. But changes, that we need not detail here, will soon become necessary, which will bring the average cost per scholar in No. 7 much nearer that of the other scholars in town. Now a moment's consideration will show the wisdom of such a provision, and increase our admiration of the far-seeing sagacity of the donor of the bequest. This bequest is for the future, as well as the present. No one can foresee the changes that may occur in the business and population of the town. And this condition provides a wise safeguard for the future, because it will prevent any school committee or town meeting, at the peril of losing this legacy, from discriminating unfairly against any section of the town. There are several other considerations which will make the wisdom of this requirement clear, but they are more properly stated in remarks upon the next condition.

Regarding the third condition of the bequest, viz., that three fourths of the income derived therefrom shall be used for the benefit of the schools of North Easton, including the High School, it should be considered:



First, that, even exclusive of High School scholars, No. 7 has already, according to the census of May 1, 1878, over *five eighths* of all the scholars in town; and, at the present rate of proportional increase, will, ere long, have over three fourths. When this time comes, the rest of the town, instead of having less, will have more money, per scholar, from the fund, than No. 7. But, secondly, it must be remembered that the *High School* also comes in for its share (a large share, too) of three fourths of this income. When this is considered, it would be difficult to suggest any more equal division of the fund placed at the disposal of the town than the one adopted by the giver.

It will thus be seen that this is not a question of sectional interest at all, but is one in which all parts of the town have an interest proportional to their number of scholars and their needs. Lest any one may think these statements too general and unsupported, we will give a few figures to show the precise bearings of the subject. Suppose, then, that the town votes to raise, per scholar, the average sum raised by the towns of the State. This average amount per scholar in the towns is \$10.79. The 502 scholars (between five and fifteen years) in No. 7 would have appropriated for their education,

\$5,416.58

Add to this, three fourths of the income of

bequest,

3,000.00

And No. 7's proportion of other receipts, as

per 1878,

330.20

And it gives a total of

\$8,746.78

This sum, then, is appropriated to North Easton scholars, including all the High School scholars. There are 502

scholars there between five and fifteen years of age. When reorganized, the High School will number sixty scholars. Of these, perhaps ten may be No. 7 scholars between five and fifteen years old. Not to count these twice, deduct them from the 60, and add the balance (50) to the 502, and the result, 552, will be the number of scholars upon whom the \$8,746.78 will be expended. This would give an average of \$15.84 per scholar in No. 7.

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| In the rest of the town, the proportion of the annual appropriation would be the number of scholars, 298, multiplied by the average per scholar, \$10.79, | \$3,215 42 |
| Add to this one quarter of income of bequest,                                                                                                             | 1,000 00   |
| And the right proportion of other receipts, as per 1878,                                                                                                  | 247 72     |

|                                              |            |
|----------------------------------------------|------------|
| And the total available, outside No. 7, is   | \$4,463 14 |
| This for 298 scholars would be, per scholar, | \$14 97    |

This is but 77 cents less per scholar than in North Easton. But bear in mind that in this district are the High School scholars, who necessarily cost more than others, and that *at least one quarter these are from parts of the town outside No. 7*, and it becomes evident that this division of the school funds is as nearly equal as it is possible to make it. It proves a thorough comprehension, on the part of Mr. Ames, of all the facts of the case, and shows that he did not even discriminate in favor of his own district, but meant that all parts of the town should have their proportional benefits.

But a division even more favorable than this to the schools outside No. 7 is allowable under the bequest. The bequest makes the condition that the amount per scholar, appropriated for North Easton scholars from the



"money raised by taxation," shall not be less than that per scholar for all the schools. But besides the "money raised by taxation," other funds, as the dog tax, income from State fund, etc., are available. Should the comparative needs of schools demand it, the bequest offers no obstacle to the use of all those additional funds for the schools outside No. 7. Those funds for 1878 were \$578.01. They are not likely to be less than this in the future. If this sum, instead of being divided as above, were applied wholly to these other schools, it would give them \$16.08 per scholar, and No. 7, \$15.84 per scholar. 24  
 84 This is ~~twenty-two~~ cents less per scholar in No. 7 than the average amount for the other scholars; and when we consider that the High School scholars, *a third of whom are from other parts of the town*, are included in the No. 7 estimates, it will be apparent to every one that the bequest is quite as much for the advantage of other parts of the town as for North Easton village.

Under the arrangement just alluded to, let us see exactly what would be gained outside No. 7.

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| If the appropriation be raised in Easton to the average per scholar in the towns of the State (\$10.79), then the proportion outside No. 7 would be ( $\$10.79 \times 298$ ) |  | \$3,215 42       |
| And one fourth the income of bequest,                                                                                                                                        |  | 1,000 00         |
| And the other available receipts as per 1878,                                                                                                                                |  | 578 01           |
| Total amount available outside No. 7,                                                                                                                                        |  | <hr/> \$4,793 43 |

The whole amount expended in these districts in 1878 was \$3,200.61. But had all the school receipts of last year been used, the available proportion outside No. 7

would have been \$3,393.36. Deduct this from the amount available for these districts for 1879, if the conditions of the bequest are complied with (*i. e.* \$4,793.43), and it will give them a gain of \$1,400.07. In order to gain this, what will it cost outside No. 7? The advance for the whole town in school appropriation will be \$932.00. Of this increase, the assessors' books show that less than four ninths, or about \$400, would come from outside North Easton village. *That is, if the rest of the town will raise \$400 more than in 1878, it may have the benefit of \$1,400.07, or three and a half times the advance made,* beside all the advantages coming from the improved High School. But if this advance be not made, this whole sum will be lost to these districts.

#### TAXATION FOR SCHOOLS.

Should any one object that complying with the conditions of the bequest will increase taxes, it may be replied that Mr. Ames has anticipated and answered the objection; for, in order not to impose any additional burden upon the town, and to make his gifts an absolute gain, he provided in his other bequest that the appropriation for highways and bridges might be reduced to \$2,000. *This reduction more than covers the advance in school appropriation; so that, in fact, the acceptance of the two bequests does not increase the taxes of the town a penny.* It is a clear gain to the town of \$8,000 per year.

Were the school bequest the only one made, taxes would be slightly increased. This would not affect poll-tax payers at all; and the little additional tax on property ought not to weigh anything against the immense gain to



be thereby secured, especially in Easton, where the taxes are lower than in most other towns of the State. But, as just stated, the thoughtful kindness of our generous benefactor so arranged it that *what is advanced on one tax is reduced on the other, so that if both are accepted, taxes will not be in the least increased, but will in fact be diminished.*

Some persons may think it needless to have made so extended a statement of the advantages derivable from this bequest, and of the various bearings of the subject. But we are so much impressed with the importance of it, that we deem it very desirable to correct all misapprehensions regarding it, and to so set forth its advantages as to get, if possible, a unanimous vote of the town to comply with its conditions, and so make it available for the uses it was designed for.

Let it be remembered that we are not acting for ourselves alone, but for those that come after us. If it is lost one year, it is lost forever; and let us not, as a town, take the responsibility of rejecting what may so much benefit our children and future generations. Judging by the progress of the past, the time will come, even were it not now here, when more than this sum will be needed; and bitter then would be the regret if, through any cause, it should be lost. We cannot close our statement of this topic without expressing our sense of most grateful obligation to the liberal and wise benefactor whose noble bequests will keep his honored name in perpetual remembrance in the town of Easton.

## DETAILED REPORTS.

## No. 1.

In the first two terms, the teacher who had so successfully taught here for several terms continued to maintain her excellent reputation. At the end of the spring term she resigned, much to the regret of the district and the committee. It is not strange that her successor could not keep the school up to the same standard.

## No. 2.

Two teachers of good scholarship and ability, who had been successful elsewhere, after laboring hard for the good of this school, in turn resigned, from want of the full co-operation of scholars and parents in their efforts. So far as mental gifts are concerned, there is in this district material for an excellent school. The School Committee will spare no pains to supply a good teacher; but, without more respectful obedience from the scholars, and more assistance from parents in maintaining discipline and punctual and constant attendance, no teacher can do satisfactory work. With one exception, the percentage of attendance was lower here than in any other district in town.

## No. 3.

This school has been taught in a manner satisfactory to the committee, and is now in a good condition.

## UNION DISTRICT.

In the upper school, by unavoidable circumstances, two changes of teachers became necessary, but the committee were able to make so good a choice that the usual evils re-



sulting from such changes were largely avoided, and good progress has been made. The lower school maintains its good average standard.

No. 6.

Will not parents and scholars unite in the effort to raise the percentage of attendance in this district? It is lower here than in any other school in town. This poor attendance is crippling to the efforts of the teacher, and greatly retards the progress of the whole school.

No. 7.

The overcrowded condition of the first Primary School has been changed, by grading up the scholars, so as to have the schools average about the same number of scholars. No changes of teachers have occurred during the year, and the schools remain in about the same condition as heretofore.

It is to be deplored that there is so little visiting in these, and, indeed, in all the schools, by parents and friends. Such visiting would encourage and stimulate teachers to keep their schools up to the highest standard of excellence. Their work here has, in the main, been well done; but in duties so important, and at the same time so trying and monotonous, they need a thoughtful and conscientious regard for the great responsibilities devolving upon them, and every help and stimulus that parents and others can offer.

We have engaged a careful janitor to take charge of the building, and keep things in good order in and about it. A marked improvement is already observable in many ways. He has been made truant officer, and cases of absence are referred to him and immediately looked after.

Reference to the High School has been made elsewhere in this report, in sufficient detail. The watchful care, level judgment, and strong hand of our Principal have secured an excellent state of discipline in and about the whole schoolhouse; and in his management of his own school, and his general supervision of all, the committee repose entire confidence. Could the High School master have at least half an hour a day for visiting and superintending the nine other schools in this building, it would be of advantage to them all. For this we must wait until an assistant teacher is obtained. It would be pleasant to give some of our teachers here merited praise; but "comparisons are odious," and our commendations must be otherwise inferred.

No. 8.

The school here continues to hold its high rank for attendance, discipline, proficiency, and general interest, and we have nothing to deduct from our estimate of it last year.

No. 9.

This is the banner district regarding average attendance through the year, and the proportionate number of scholars neither absent, tardy, nor dismissed. Of these there were, out of thirty-one scholars in all, six for three terms, eight for two, and six for one term. This remarkable result reflects great credit upon teacher, parents, and scholars, and helps account for the good condition of the school.

No. 10.

But the school in this district of scattered dwellings comes but one per cent short of the latter, and for the fall term gives a percentage of attendance (.96) higher than



that of any single term of any school in town for 1878, not excepting even the High School. Considering the distance from the schoolhouse at which these scholars live, this seems to us one of the most noteworthy facts of the year. It is with great satisfaction that we notice the cordial co-operation of parents and children with the excellent efforts of the teacher.

#### AUTHORITY OF TEACHERS REGARDING EXCUSES.

During the year, the question was raised in two or three districts, concerning the power of teachers to question the validity of excuses for dismissal from school, for tardiness, or absence. The ground was taken that, if a parent or guardian sent an excuse or request for dismissal, the teacher had no right to retain a scholar, that the mere request of the parent or guardian, even though there was no good reason for dismissal, might override the authority of the teacher.

But it ought to be clearly understood by every one, that there is a compulsory law (see Statutes, Chap. 41, Sects. 1, 2), requiring *constant attendance* at school, of children between the ages of eight and fourteen years, at least twenty weeks in the year, ten of which shall be consecutive. The exceptions are extreme poverty, or attending private school, or being otherwise educated, or physical or mental inability; and these are the only exceptions. In this matter, the authority of the State is supreme; and that authority is, for the time being, represented by the committee, and, through them, by the teacher.

Strictly and legally, no excuses but those just noted are valid. The authority of the teacher over the scholars in the school-room is, in this matter, derived from the law

referred to. He may refuse all requests for dismissal, and reject all excuses that do not seem to him reasonable and warranted by circumstances. Were it otherwise, the schools would be at the mercy of the thoughtless. Were parents allowed to dismiss and keep their children from school on every pretext, they would be able to defeat the aforesaid law itself, as well as seriously injure the schools. Many children can have excuses from indulgent parents merely for the asking, and it is very necessary that there should be some means of checking the abuses that would result, if the teacher had no right to question the validity of such excuses. This authority is one the teacher should exercise with discretion; but when we consider that absence and dismissals are not only bad for a scholar, but retard the progress of classes to which he belongs, and are therefore an injury to the whole school, we can all see the necessity of being stringent in this matter. Few teachers are sufficiently so at present, and few parents are careful enough in this regard. The following remarks upon the subject will have more weight than our own, as they were written by the State School Secretary:—

“If parents should have the right to excuse their children away from school as they choose, then their authority would exceed the authority of the State, and of the School Committee, who are the officers of the State; and the existence of a well-ordered school would be impossible. . . .

“A single absence or tardiness is an injury to the absent or tardy pupil, and to the school to which he belongs. The committee can make rules concerning excuses; but even in this they are to be governed by the law, and excuse no pupil from constant attendance except for some of the reasons mentioned in the statute, Chap. 41, Sects.



1 and 2. In the absence of rules made by the committee, the teacher is to be governed by the statute directly, until he can lay the matter before the committee."

#### FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

It will be seen by the financial accounts that an unexpended balance of \$421.57 remains. We have refrained from using more than was absolutely needful, preferring to wait before purchasing desirable apparatus, such as charts, maps, etc., until the expected larger funds should be available.

#### APPROPRIATION.

The amount to be raised and appropriated for the support of schools in Easton for the current year, if the requirements of the bequest are complied with, is eight thousand six hundred and thirty-two dollars (\$8,632.00). We accordingly recommend this as the appropriation.

For repairs we recommend the same sum as last year, \$400.00. There is prospect of extensive repairs of the heating apparatus in some of the schoolhouses. This sum may be needed, and should therefore be appropriated. If not needed, it will not be used.

#### THE COMMITTEE.

By a vote of the town, at its last annual meeting, it was decided to reduce the number of the School Committee to three. This vote must stand until the number is so reduced. Of the present number (five), the regular term of one expires, and that of two others, who were chosen to fill vacancies that occurred, also closes. It will be

necessary to elect two new members, one for three years, and one for two years.

The importance of the subject discussed in this report makes it unnecessary to apologize for its length.

Appended hereto will be found the usual tables, accounts, etc., all of which we respectfully submit.

J. O. DEAN.

L. S. DRAKE.

GEORGE C. BELCHER.

WILLIAM L. CHAFFIN.

OLIVER AMES.



## FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

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### RECEIPTS.

|                                  |            |
|----------------------------------|------------|
| Appropriation for 1878,          | \$7,700 00 |
| Income from State school fund,   | 242 52     |
| Amount of dog tax,               | 278 87     |
| Rent of schoolhouse hall,        | 25 00      |
| Tuition of out-of-town scholars, | 25 00      |
| Use of schoolhouse at No. 1,     | 4 50       |
| Damages,                         | 2 12       |
|                                  | <hr/>      |
|                                  | \$8,278 61 |

### EXPENDITURES.

#### TEACHERS.

|                       |            |
|-----------------------|------------|
| M. C. Lamprey,        | \$1,200 00 |
| Hannah A. Williams,   | 252 00     |
| M. W. Corliss,        | 96 00      |
| Belle G. Heath,       | 228 00     |
| Alice H. Round,       | 102 00     |
| Lottie M. Heath,      | 288 00     |
| Fannie W. Kaan,       | 208 80     |
| Nellie B. Furber,     | 120 00     |
| Louise F. Williams,   | 306 00     |
| M. E. Heyward,        | 50 00      |
| Carrie A. Keith,      | 288 00     |
| E. T. Atkinson,       | 450 00     |
| Mary A. Higginbottom, | 324 00     |
| Belle Calef,          | 324 00     |
| Marion E. Fitton,     | 306 00     |
| Edith E. Williams,    | 306 00     |
| Hattie A. Holmes,     | 288 00     |

|                    |            |
|--------------------|------------|
| Jessie F. Russell, | \$288 00   |
| Carrie E. Gay,     | 288 00     |
| Mary J. Reynolds,  | 264 00     |
| Helen L. Gay,      | 324 00     |
| Susie M. Butters,  | 306 00     |
| Ella L. Bradish,   | 96 00      |
| Louisa C. Young,   | 192 00     |
|                    | <hr/>      |
|                    | \$6,894 80 |

## CARE OF HOUSES.

|                                      |          |
|--------------------------------------|----------|
| Henry Wood, janitor, No. 7,          | \$137 34 |
| J. M. Sheperd, " "                   | 100 00   |
| Hiram Keith, " Union,                | 50 00    |
| Care of house, No. 1, for two terms, | 11 45    |
| " " " 2, for three terms,            | 16 00    |
| " " " 3, " "                         | 14 00    |
| " " " 6, " "                         | 15 25    |
| " " " 8, " "                         | 15 50    |
| " " " 9, " "                         | 13 30    |
| " " " 10, " "                        | 15 00    |
|                                      | <hr/>    |
|                                      | \$387 84 |

## FUEL.

|                                   |          |
|-----------------------------------|----------|
| Coal for No. 7,                   | \$279 54 |
| " " Union district,               | 64 26    |
| Wood for schools, cut and housed, | 157 60   |
|                                   | <hr/>    |
|                                   | \$501 40 |

## SUPPLIES AND SUNDRIES.

|                                          |            |
|------------------------------------------|------------|
| J. O. Dean, supplies for schoolhouses,   | \$39 23    |
| " books for teachers' desks,             | 11 39      |
| Oliver Ames & Sons Corp., supplies,      | 3 78       |
| A. P. Smith, programmes for High School, | 8 50       |
| Lockwood & Brooks, binding dictionaries, | 7 50       |
| E. P. Spooner, dippers,                  | 2 00       |
|                                          | <hr/>      |
|                                          | \$72 40    |
| Total expenses,                          | \$7,866 44 |



## RECAPITULATION.

|                            |            |                |
|----------------------------|------------|----------------|
| Receipts from all sources, |            | \$8,278 01     |
| Amount paid teachers,      | \$6,894 80 |                |
| Care schoolhouses,         | 387 84     |                |
| Fuel,                      | 501 40     |                |
| Supplies and sundries,     | 72 40      |                |
|                            | <hr/>      | 7,856 44       |
| Unexpended balance,        |            | <hr/> \$421 57 |

## REPAIRS ACCOUNT.

## RECEIPTS.

|                                               |          |
|-----------------------------------------------|----------|
| Amount appropriated for repairs, March, 1878, | \$400 00 |
| Received for gold leaf left in 1877,          | 4 50     |
|                                               | <hr/>    |
| Total,                                        | \$404 50 |

## EXPENDITURES.

|                                                                  |        |
|------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|
| Oliver Ames & Sons Corp., glazing windows,<br>No. 7,             | \$2 00 |
| Oliver Ames & Sons Corp., hardware, etc., for<br>repairs. No. 7, | 5 52   |
| DeWitt Bros., lumber, No. 7,                                     | 3 31   |
| “ “ 24 <sup>1</sup> days' work, No. 7,                           | 60 50  |
| Samuel Paul, lumber, No. 7,                                      | 53 65  |
| E. P. Spooner, materials and repairs, No. 7,                     | 10 55  |
| J. O. Dean, 32 lbs. gal. iron, No. 7,                            | 2 56   |
| “ 8 hours' work on stove pipe and<br>repairs, No. 7,             | 2 00   |
| J. O. Dean, windows and express, No. 7,                          | 3 50   |
| “ 52 lbs. sheet lead, No. 7,                                     | 3 12   |
| “ 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ days' work, No. 7,                             | 3 75   |

|                                                  |          |
|--------------------------------------------------|----------|
| J. O. Dean, carting and putting up stove, No. 2, | \$1 00   |
| “ “ “ “ “ 9,                                     | 1 00     |
| “ 148 lbs. gal. iron for pipe, No. 7             |          |
| and Union,                                       | 11 84    |
| J. O. Dean, lumber and nails for platform and    |          |
| doorsteps, Union,                                | 14 10    |
| J. O. Dean, use of teams various times,          | 3 35     |
| “ $\frac{1}{2}$ day's work, Nos. 2 and 9,        | 1 25     |
| “ 6 pair butts,                                  | 63       |
| “ canvas for desk, No. 1,                        | 75       |
| “ copper tacks,                                  | 25       |
| “ glass for repairs,                             | 8 40     |
| “ express on same,                               | 50       |
| “ wire screens,                                  | 2 04     |
| S. D. Simpson, repairs, No. 2,                   | 2 30     |
| “ “ “ 9,                                         | 2 00     |
| A. C. Heath, carting lumber, Union,              | 80       |
| W. P. Howard, setting glass, No. 3,              | 60       |
| “ repairing steps, No. 3,                        | 25       |
| N. W. Perry, setting glass,                      | 1 60     |
| A. White, 59 hours' work,                        | 14 75    |
| H. Thompson, work, No. 7,                        | 90       |
| G. W. Belcher, repairs, Union,                   | 5 75     |
| L. S. & A. L. Drake, grates, Union,              | 4 00     |
| “ “ “ “ No. 7,                                   | 5 52     |
| “ “ “ stove castings, No. 9,                     | 2 40     |
| Gurney Brothers, repairs clock, No. 7,           | 5 00     |
| Hiram Keith, glass setting, Union,               | 1 45     |
|                                                  | <hr/>    |
|                                                  | \$242 89 |

#### RECAPITULATION.

|                                               |          |
|-----------------------------------------------|----------|
| Appropriation and receipts for repairs, 1878, | \$404 50 |
| Expenditures,                                 | 242 89   |
|                                               | <hr/>    |
| Unexpended balance,                           | \$161 61 |



## STATISTICAL TABLE.

| DISTRICT.    |         | Children between<br>5 and 15 years,<br>May 1, 1878. | Whole No. of<br>schol'rs each term. | Average attend-<br>ance. | Percentage of<br>attendance. | Over 15. | Under 5. | Cost of teachers<br>in each district. |
|--------------|---------|-----------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|----------|----------|---------------------------------------|
| HIGH SCHOOL. | Winter, |                                                     | 44                                  | 41.00                    | .93                          | 39       | ....     | \$1,200 00                            |
|              | Spring, |                                                     | 41                                  | 37.50                    | .91                          | 38       |          |                                       |
|              | Fall,   |                                                     | 40                                  | 37.00                    | .93                          | 30       |          |                                       |
| No. 1,       | Winter, | 43                                                  | 43                                  | 34.38                    | .80                          | 1        | ....     | 348 00                                |
|              | Spring, |                                                     | 40                                  | 35.47                    | .89                          | 1        |          |                                       |
|              | Fall,   |                                                     | 47                                  | 42.51                    | .90                          | 1        | 2        |                                       |
| No. 2,       | Winter, | 40                                                  | 34                                  | 26.27                    | .77                          | 5        | 1        | 330 00                                |
|              | Spring, |                                                     | 34                                  | 26.76                    | .79                          | 3        | 1        |                                       |
|              | Fall,   |                                                     | 35                                  | 24.95                    | .71                          | 2        |          |                                       |
| No. 3,       | Winter, | 21                                                  | 23                                  | 18.40                    | .80                          | 1        | 1        | 288 00                                |
|              | Spring, |                                                     | 22                                  | 17.09                    | .78                          | 1        | 1        |                                       |
|              | Fall,   |                                                     | 21                                  | 16.28                    | .78                          | 1        |          |                                       |
| UNION,       | Winter, | 80                                                  | 71                                  | 60.10                    | .85                          | ....     | 3        | 684 80                                |
|              | Spring  |                                                     | 81                                  | 69.58                    | .86                          | 2        | 3        |                                       |
|              | Fall,   |                                                     | 87                                  | 73.38                    | .84                          | 5        | 3        |                                       |
| No. 6,       | Winter, | 21                                                  | 21                                  | 14.83                    | .71                          | 4        | ....     | 288 00                                |
|              | Spring, |                                                     | 14                                  | 9.01                     | .64                          | 1        |          |                                       |
|              | Fall,   |                                                     | 18                                  | 14.02                    | .78                          | 4        |          |                                       |
| No. 7,*      | Winter, | 502                                                 | 433                                 | 348.30                   | .80                          | 14       | ....     | 2,388 00                              |
|              | Spring, |                                                     | 444                                 | 359.21                   | .81                          | 14       | 3        |                                       |
|              | Fall,   |                                                     | 443                                 | 366.25                   | .83                          | 14       | 3        |                                       |
| No. 8,       | Winter, | 39                                                  | 31                                  | 26.78                    | .86                          | 3        | ....     | 324 00                                |
|              | Spring, |                                                     | 31                                  | 27.35                    | .82                          | 2        |          |                                       |
|              | Fall,   |                                                     | 32                                  | 28.02                    | .90                          | 2        |          |                                       |
| No. 9,       | Winter, | 31                                                  | 30                                  | 26.00                    | .87                          | 3        | ....     | 306 00                                |
|              | Spring, |                                                     | 35                                  | 32.75                    | .94                          | ....     | 1        |                                       |
|              | Fall,   |                                                     | 29                                  | 24.93                    | .86                          | ....     | 2        |                                       |
| No. 10,      | Winter, | 23                                                  | 17                                  | 14.12                    | .83                          | 1        | ....     | 288 00                                |
|              | Spring, |                                                     | 18                                  | 15.30                    | .85                          | ....     | 1        |                                       |
|              | Fall,   |                                                     | 20                                  | 19.17                    | .96                          | 1        | 3        |                                       |
| Totals,      |         | 800                                                 | †901                                | 628.90                   | .83                          | †84      | †24      | \$6,894 80                            |

\* Exclusive of High School scholars. The whole number of different scholars who have attended the High School during the year was fifty-eight. Of these, thirty-seven were from North Easton, eighteen from other parts of the town, and three from Raynham.

† Of different scholars for the whole year.

# SCHOLARS NEITHER ABSENT, TARDY, NOR DISMISSED.

Those with an asterisk (\*) three terms; those with a dagger (†) two terms; the rest one term.

## SCHOOL No. 1.

|                      |                     |
|----------------------|---------------------|
| Wm. Arthur Evans,*   | Josephine G. Smith, |
| Maggie A. James,†    | Mary A. Stone,      |
| Geo. M. Randall,†    | Carrie L. Wilson,   |
| Herbert Sturtevant,† | Arthur E. Randall,  |
| Mary R. Dean,        | Levi F. Randall,    |
| Kate E. Dean,        | Daniel F. Collins.  |

## NEITHER ABSENT NOR TARDY.

|                       |                  |
|-----------------------|------------------|
| Kate E. Dean,         | John F. Randall, |
| Nellie S. Cunningham, | Levi F. Randall, |
| Sarah J. Hewitt,      | Wm. A. Smith,    |
|                       | Jesse C. Wilson. |

## No. 2.

|                   |                   |
|-------------------|-------------------|
| Carrie W. Goward, | Bertha M. Goward, |
|                   | Frank Poole.      |

## NEITHER ABSENT NOR TARDY.

|                    |                |
|--------------------|----------------|
| Carrie W. Goward,† | Lizzie Chase,  |
|                    | Dellie Howard. |

## No. 3.

|                  |                    |
|------------------|--------------------|
| James W. Finley, | Channing Howard,   |
|                  | Willie W. Heyward. |

## NEITHER ABSENT NOR TARDY.

Heman Howard.



## UNION DISTRICT.

|                         |                     |
|-------------------------|---------------------|
| Helen L. Drake,†        | Orrin C. Phillips,  |
| Geraldine P. Douglass,† | Eddie J. Willis,    |
| Freddie K. Belcher,†    | Willie J. Curran,   |
| Helen W. Belcher,       | Willie G. Irving,   |
| Marion Wilbur,          | Clarence R. Willis, |
| Mamie Hamilton,         | Daniel J. Eddy,     |
| Mabel F. Wilbur,        | Harry J. Hamilton,  |
| Luttie Swift,           | Georgie G. Nye,     |
| Arthur L. Belcher,      | Ernest L. Willis,   |
| Linnie Drake,           | Bertie L. Wilbur.   |

## NEITHER ABSENT NOR TARDY.

|                   |                     |
|-------------------|---------------------|
| Helen L. Drake,   | Margie L. Hamilton, |
| Helen W. Belcher, | Freddie R. Belcher, |
| Alice Phillips,   | Linnie Drake,       |
|                   | Orrin C. Phillips.  |

## No. 6.

|                |                |
|----------------|----------------|
| Burton Allen,† | Alice M. Buck, |
| Hattie Buck,   | Horace Buck,   |
| Edith Buck,    | Harry Buck.    |

## No. 7.

|                     |                    |
|---------------------|--------------------|
| Edith Poole,†       | Etta S. C. Willis, |
| Henry G. Poole,†    | Maggie Twobig,     |
| Edward Kelley,†     | Sarah McEntee,     |
| Edward B. Hayward,† | Henry Wood,        |
| Louise Holmes,      | Willie Needham,    |
| Carenia Hepburn,    | Robert C. Randall, |
| Janet Young,        | Ernest Williams,   |
| Georgie Pope,†      | Mary Berry,        |
| Henry Kennedy,†     | Mary Ann Willis,   |
|                     | Nellie McCarthy.   |

Cleon Fobes,\*  
Edith Johnson,  
Julia Lyons,

Louis Carr,  
Robert Barlow,  
James McGinty,  
James Bradley.

Lester Fobes,†  
Jessie Porter,  
Nella M. Fobes,†  
Emma D. Bump,  
Maggie J. Carney,  
Mary A. J. Corley,  
Annie E. Clarke,

Charlie Kennedy,  
Charlie Andrews,  
Susie McKenna,  
Daniel Barrett,  
Richard Barrett,  
Daniel Conroy,  
Timothy O'Callahan,  
Dennis Sheeran.

Katie Dailey,  
Harry Porter,

Freddie Porter,  
Willie McGinty,  
Dennis Sweeny.

Hattie Bump,\*  
Lizzie Caldwell,\*  
Amanda E. Berry,†  
Grace Mackey,  
Myra Sloan,

Julia Mahoney,  
Lizzie O'Connell,  
Maggie Donahue,  
Annie Wardell,  
Eddie Hammond,  
Dannie Donahue.

Nellie Burns,  
Bridget Harkins,  
Maggie Desmond,†  
Julia A. Daily,  
Lizzie Riordan,  
Sarah Cotter,  
Annie Caldwell,  
Annie Desmond,

James Barrett,  
John Quill,  
Nellie Mulligan,  
Mary Riordan,  
Mary Malloy,  
James Finnegan,  
Daniel Malloy,  
David McDonald,  
John A. Barrows.



|                    |                  |
|--------------------|------------------|
| Hannah Walsh,†     | Annie Almquest,  |
| Jeremiah Sweeney,† | James Goodman,   |
| Julia Riordan,     | Munroe Williams, |
| Abby Riordan,      | Patrick Murphy,  |
|                    | Daniel McNamara. |

## NEITHER ABSENT NOR TARDY.

|                    |                   |
|--------------------|-------------------|
| Hattie Berry,      | Edith Pool,       |
| Edward B. Hayward, | Henry G. Pool,    |
| Mary Berry,        | Joseph Doherty,   |
| Pardon Gifford,    | Louis Carr,       |
| Sophia Phillips,†  | Clemmie Randall,  |
| Minnie Burrell,    | Martin Burns,     |
| Julia Proctor,     | Cora Phillips,    |
| Susie Riordan,     | Harry Porter,     |
| John Burns,        | Lizzie T. Leason, |
| Susie O'Connell,   | Alice Sheeran,    |
| Fred Hanlon,       | Mabel White,      |
| Nellie Reehill,    | Willie Blake,     |
| Patsy Moinaban,†   | Julia Riordan,    |
| Bertie Randall,    | Willie Randall.   |

## No. 8.

|                      |                 |
|----------------------|-----------------|
| Nellie M. Hall,*     | Etta Dickerman, |
| Sadie F. Dickerman,† | Mary Watts.     |

## NEITHER ABSENT NOR TARDY.

|                  |                  |
|------------------|------------------|
| Virgie S. Keith, | Frank C. Taylor. |
|------------------|------------------|

## No. 9.

|                     |                      |
|---------------------|----------------------|
| Mary M. Leonard,*   | Willinia Nelson,†    |
| Gracie W. Howard,*  | Charlie C. Leonard,† |
| Jennie Nelson,*     | Willie N. Wade,†     |
| Hattie L. Kelley,*  | Willie N. Howard,†   |
| Soveyetna Randall,* | Nellie A. Anderson,  |

Willie Nelson,\*  
 Myra A. Wade,†  
 Susie M. Smith,†  
 Emory S. Leonard,†  
 Eugene A. Phillips,†

C. Luella Watts,  
 M. Lizzie Dean,  
 Nettie G. Watts,  
 Clarence P. Leonard,  
 Frank Nelson.

## No. 10.

Nancy G. Tisdale,†  
 Elwin T. Randall,†  
 Chester Williams,†  
 Edith M. Keith,  
 Annie F. Gooch,  
 Amy L. Gooch,  
 Ellen Murphy,

Lizzie Schraut,  
 Mary Randall,  
 Gardner A. Allen,  
 Ernest Williams,  
 Fred Randall,  
 James L. Randall,  
 Timothy Murphy.

## NEITHER ABSENT NOR TARDY.

Annie F. Gooch,  
 Addison O. Gooch,

Alton L. Gooch,  
 Arvine A. Gooch.



## EASTON HIGH SCHOOL.

RANK, ATTENDANCE, AND DEPORTMENT FOR THE WINTER TERM,  
ENDING MARCH 22, 1878.

[Scale of Rank, from 0 to 10.]

| NAMES.                         | General<br>Average. | Absences. | Tardinesses. | Dismissals. | Deportment. |
|--------------------------------|---------------------|-----------|--------------|-------------|-------------|
| FIRST CLASS.                   |                     |           |              |             |             |
| Walter H. Andrews . . . . .    | 8.95                | 7         | 1            | 1           | 9.9         |
| William H. Bouldrey . . . . .  | 8.30                | 13        | 1            | 1           | 9           |
| Daniel J. Dineen . . . . .     | 9.30                | 2.5       | 1            | 4           | 9.6         |
| Isabel G. Farrel . . . . .     | 8.95                | 2.5       | 1            | 2           | 9.5         |
| Willie Gilmore . . . . .       | 9.05                | 2.5       | 1            | 3           | 9.9         |
| Hattie F. Greenleaf . . . . .  | 8.65                | 10        | 3            | 1           | 9.6         |
| Maggie J. Harrigan . . . . .   | 8.80                | 3.5       | 1            | 4           | 9.9         |
| John E. Haney . . . . .        | 8.50                | 20        | 1            | 1           | 9.5         |
| Louise Howard . . . . .        | 8.25                | 2         | 2            | 1           | 9.7         |
| Adella Keith . . . . .         | 8.75                | 4         | 1            | 1           | 9.9         |
| Edward Kennedy . . . . .       | 8.40                | .5        | 3            | 1           | 9.9         |
| Sarah J. McEntee . . . . .     | 9.55                | 1         | 2            | 1           | 10          |
| Edith M. Pool . . . . .        | 9.95                | 1         | 1            | 1           | 10          |
| Mary L. Reed . . . . .         | 9.95                | 1         | 2            | 1           | 9.8         |
| Julia A. Riordan . . . . .     | 9.20                | 1.5       | 1            | 1           | 10          |
| Robert C. Randall . . . . .    | 9.45                | .5        | 1            | 1           | 10          |
| James E. Simpson . . . . .     | 8.00                | 2         | 1            | 1           | 9.9         |
| Ica M. Tinkham . . . . .       | 9.50                | 30        | 1            | 1           | 10          |
| Sadie L. Waldron . . . . .     | 9.15                | 1.5       | 1            | 1           | 9.8         |
| SECOND CLASS.                  |                     |           |              |             |             |
| Arthur L. Atkins . . . . .     | 9.85                | .5        | 2            | 1           | 10          |
| James P. Barlow . . . . .      | 9.85                | 1         | 1            | 1           | 9.8         |
| Freeman F. Baldwin . . . . .   | 9.15                | 1         | 1            | 1           | 10          |
| Andrew J. Conroy . . . . .     | 9.95                | 1         | 1            | 1           | 10          |
| Edward B. Hayward . . . . .    | 9.60                | 1         | 1            | 1           | 10          |
| Louise Holmes . . . . .        | 9.45                | 1         | 1            | 1           | 10          |
| Eddie E. Kelley . . . . .      | 9.60                | 1         | 1            | 1           | 9.8         |
| Alice S. Lynch . . . . .       | 9.60                | 8.5       | 3            | 1           | 10          |
| Willie F. Needham . . . . .    | 9.25                | 1         | 1            | 1           | 9.9         |
| Henry G. Pool . . . . .        | 9.60                | 1         | 1            | 1           | 10          |
| Ella A. Wade . . . . .         | 9.60                | 1         | 1            | 1           | 10          |
| John M. Williams . . . . .     | 9.60                | 4.5       | 3            | 7           | 9.9         |
| Janet Young . . . . .          | 9.70                | 1         | 1            | 1           | 10          |
| THIRD CLASS.                   |                     |           |              |             |             |
| Hattie A. Berry . . . . .      | 8.96                | 1         | 1            | 1           | 9.8         |
| Frank Carr . . . . .           | 9.38                | 1.5       | 1            | 1           | 9.8         |
| Patrick J. Connolly . . . . .  | 9.90                | .5        | 1            | 1           | 10          |
| Nellie M. French . . . . .     | 8.85                | 5         | 2            | 1           | 9.5         |
| John J. Heelan . . . . .       | 9.50                | 1         | 1            | 1           | 9.8         |
| Carenia J. Hepburn . . . . .   | 9.70                | 22        | 1            | 3           | 10          |
| Ernest W. Keith . . . . .      | 9.95                | 1         | 2            | 9           | 9.7         |
| Eugene F. Roach . . . . .      | 8.30                | 8         | 6            | 2           | 9.9         |
| John F. Sullivan . . . . .     | 9.20                | 1         | 6            | 6           | 9.8         |
| Maggie A. Twohig . . . . .     | 9.20                | 1.5       | 1            | 7           | 9.9         |
| Nettie L. Withington . . . . . | 9.70                | 4         | 1            | 10          | 10          |
| Henry Wood . . . . .           | 9.60                | 1         | 1            | 1           | 10          |

## EASTON HIGH SCHOOL.

RANK, ATTENDANCE, AND DEPARTMENT FOR THE SPRING TERM,  
ENDING JUNE 28, 1878.

[Scale of Rank, from 0 to 10.]

| NAMES.                         | General<br>Average. | Absences. | Tardinesses. | Disci-<br>pline. | Depart-<br>ment. |
|--------------------------------|---------------------|-----------|--------------|------------------|------------------|
| FIRST CLASS.                   |                     |           |              |                  |                  |
| Walter H. Andrews . . . . .    | 9.40                | 4.5       | 2            | 5                | 9.9              |
| Daniel J. Dineen . . . . .     | 9.50                | 5.5       | 2            | 5                | 9.9              |
| Isabel G. Farrel . . . . .     | 9.15                | 4.5       | 5            | 1                | 9.7              |
| Willie Gilmore . . . . .       | 8.90                | .5        | 3            | 5                | 9.8              |
| Hattie F. Greenleaf . . . . .  | 9.60                | 11        | 1            | 1                | 9.9              |
| John E. Haney . . . . .        | 9.37                | 25        | 1            | 1                | 9.8              |
| Louise Howard . . . . .        | 8.25                | 4.5       | 1            | 1                | 9.8              |
| Adella Keith . . . . .         | 9.44                | 6.5       | 1            | 3                | 10               |
| Edward Kennedy . . . . .       | 9.00                | 3.5       | 2            | 1                | 10               |
| Sarah J. McIntee . . . . .     | 9.80                | 1         | 1            | 1                | 9.8              |
| Edith M. Pool . . . . .        | 9.89                | 1         | 1            | 1                | 10               |
| Mary L. Reed . . . . .         | 9.88                | 1         | 2            | 2                | 10               |
| Judith A. Riordan . . . . .    | 9.51                | 9.5       | 1            | 4                | 10               |
| Robert C. Randall . . . . .    | 9.51                | 1         | 1            | 1                | 10               |
| James E. Simpson . . . . .     | 8.68                | 2         | 1            | 1                | 9.9              |
| Ida M. Tinkham . . . . .       | 9.82                | 21        | 1            | 2                | 10               |
| Sadie L. Waldron . . . . .     | 9.65                | 7         | 1            | 1                | 9.8              |
| SECOND CLASS.                  |                     |           |              |                  |                  |
| Arthur L. Atkins . . . . .     | 9.87                | .5        | 1            | 1                | 10               |
| James P. Barlow . . . . .      | 9.94                | 4.5       | 4            | 1                | 9.9              |
| Freeman F. Baldwin . . . . .   | 9.61                | 2         | 1            | 1                | 9.9              |
| Andrew J. Conroy . . . . .     | 9.95                | 1         | 1            | 1                | 9.9              |
| Edward B. Hayward . . . . .    | 9.76                | 1         | 1            | 1                | 10               |
| Louise Holmes . . . . .        | 9.61                | 1.5       | 2            | 1                | 10               |
| Eddie E. Kelley . . . . .      | 9.05                | 1         | 1            | 1                | 9.9              |
| Willie F. Needham . . . . .    | 9.57                | 1         | 1            | 1                | 9.9              |
| Henry G. Pool . . . . .        | 9.76                | 1         | 1            | 1                | 10               |
| Ella A. Wade . . . . .         | 9.58                | 2         | 1            | 1                | 10               |
| John M. Williams . . . . .     | 9.75                | 16        | 3            | 5                | 9.9              |
| Janet Young . . . . .          | 9.65                | 3.5       | 1            | 1                | 10               |
| THIRD CLASS.                   |                     |           |              |                  |                  |
| Hattie A. Berry . . . . .      | 9.64                | 1         | 1            | 1                | 9.9              |
| Frank Carr . . . . .           | 9.59                | 5.5       | 7            | 1                | 9.9              |
| Patrick J. Connolly . . . . .  | 9.85                | 22        | 1            | 1                | 10               |
| Nellie M. French . . . . .     | 9.66                | 6.5       | 1            | 1                | 9.7              |
| John J. Heelan . . . . .       | 9.79                | 5         | 3            | 1                | 10               |
| Carena J. Hepburn . . . . .    | 9.77                | 1         | 1            | 1                | 10               |
| Ernest W. Keith . . . . .      | 9.96                | 15        | 1            | 1                | 9.9              |
| Eugene F. Roach . . . . .      | 9.60                | 19        | 1            | 1                | 9.8              |
| John F. Sullivan . . . . .     | 9.76                | 2.5       | 2            | 1                | 9.9              |
| Maggie A. Twohig . . . . .     | 9.74                | 1         | 1            | 1                | 10               |
| Nettie L. Withington . . . . . | 9.88                | 7.5       | 2            | 1                | 10               |
| Henry Wood . . . . .           | 9.85                | 1         | 1            | 1                | 10               |



## EASTON HIGH SCHOOL.

RANK, ATTENDANCE, AND DEPORTMENT FOR THE FALL TERM, END-  
ING NOVEMBER 22.

[Scale of Rank, from 0 to 10.]

| NAMES.                        | General<br>Average. | Absences. | Tardinesses. | Dismissals. | Deportment. |
|-------------------------------|---------------------|-----------|--------------|-------------|-------------|
| FIRST CLASS.                  |                     |           |              |             |             |
| Daniel F. Buckley . . . . .   | 9.67                | 4         | ..           | ..          | 9.8         |
| Eddie Barlow . . . . .        | 9.87                | 2.5       | 1            | ..          | 9.5         |
| Mabel A. Buck . . . . .       | 9.43                | 8         | ..           | ..          | 10          |
| Patrick E. Conroy . . . . .   | 9.73                | .5        | ..           | ..          | 9.8         |
| Annie R. Chaffin . . . . .    | 9.50                | 3         | ..           | ..          | 10          |
| Mary V. Dineen . . . . .      | 9.50                | 2         | 1            | 2           | 9.9         |
| Mary E. Foy . . . . .         | 9.74                | 1         | ..           | ..          | 10          |
| Carrie P. Lincoln . . . . .   | 9.72                | 7.5       | ..           | ..          | 10          |
| Arthur A. Lincoln . . . . .   | 9.71                | 9         | ..           | ..          | 10          |
| Grace E. Ripley . . . . .     | 9.52                | 3.5       | ..           | ..          | 10          |
| Carrie L. Ripley . . . . .    | 9.10                | 1.5       | 1            | ..          | 10          |
| Adella Randall . . . . .      | 9.02                | 45        | ..           | ..          | 10          |
| Etta S. C. Willis . . . . .   | 9.59                | ..        | ..           | ..          | 10          |
| Ernest S. Williams . . . . .  | 9.61                | ..        | ..           | ..          | 9.9         |
| SECOND CLASS.                 |                     |           |              |             |             |
| Daniel J. Dineen . . . . .    | 9.69                | 19        | ..           | 2           | 9.9         |
| Isabel G. Farrel . . . . .    | 9.18                | 4.5       | 1            | 1           | 9.7         |
| Hattie F. Greenleaf . . . . . | 9.70                | 6.5       | ..           | 1           | 9.7         |
| John E. Haney . . . . .       | 9.53                | 7         | ..           | 1           | 9.7         |
| Louise Howard . . . . .       | 9.59                | 6         | ..           | ..          | 9.7         |
| Adella Keith . . . . .        | 9.65                | 4.5       | ..           | 1           | 10          |
| Edward Kennedy . . . . .      | 9.55                | 2         | 3            | 1           | 10          |
| Sarah J. McEntee . . . . .    | 9.72                | 1.5       | ..           | ..          | 9.7         |
| Edith M. Pool . . . . .       | 9.90                | ..        | ..           | ..          | 10          |
| Mary L. Reed . . . . .        | 9.88                | 1.5       | ..           | ..          | 9.7         |
| Julia A. Riordan . . . . .    | 9.56                | 1         | ..           | ..          | 10          |
| Robert C. Randall . . . . .   | 9.81                | 1         | ..           | ..          | 10          |
| Ida M. Tinkham . . . . .      | 9.79                | 4.5       | ..           | 1           | 10          |
| Sadie L. Waldron . . . . .    | 9.87                | .5        | 1            | ..          | 9.7         |
| THIRD CLASS.                  |                     |           |              |             |             |
| Arthur L. Atkins . . . . .    | 9.84                | 4         | 1            | ..          | 10          |
| James P. Barlow . . . . .     | 9.86                | 6.5       | 4            | ..          | 9.5         |
| Freeman F. Baldwin . . . . .  | 9.65                | .5        | ..           | 1           | 10          |
| Andrew J. Conroy . . . . .    | 9.79                | 1.5       | ..           | ..          | 9.5         |
| Edward B. Hayward . . . . .   | 9.68                | ..        | ..           | ..          | 10          |
| Louise Holmes . . . . .       | 9.24                | 5         | ..           | 3           | 10          |
| Eddie E. Kelley . . . . .     | 9.50                | 3         | ..           | 2           | 10          |
| Willie F. Needham . . . . .   | 9.00                | ..        | ..           | ..          | 9.5         |
| Henry G. Pool . . . . .       | 9.80                | ..        | ..           | 1           | 9.9         |
| Etta A. Wade . . . . .        | 9.57                | 1.5       | ..           | ..          | 10          |
| John M. Williams . . . . .    | 9.33                | 11        | 11           | 2           | 9.5         |
| Janet Young . . . . .         | 9.55                | 3.5       | ..           | 1           | 10          |

## APPENDIX.

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REFERENCE has been made, in the body of the School Report, to the legacy of the late Hon. Oliver Ames for the repair of public highways in the town of Easton, and to his bequest for a public library. As the former will come before the town, for its action thereupon, and both are of great public interest, and this seems the best way to bring them to the notice of our citizens, the School Committee take the responsibility of publishing them here.

### COPY OF BEQUEST FOR PUBLIC HIGHWAYS.

“I give and bequeath to the trustees of the Unitarian Society aforesaid, and their successors in said trust, appointed under the provisions of said deed, \$50,000 in the ‘eight per cent sinking fund bonds of the Union Pacific Railroad Company,’ to be held by them and their successors in said trust as a permanent fund, the income thereof to be applied annually for the repair of public highways in the town of Easton, but upon condition that said fund shall be exempted from taxation by said town, and that said town shall annually raise by taxation not less than \$2,000 in money, and apply the same to the repair of its public highways. The said trustees and their successors shall, in each year, upon receiving from the town treasurer a certificate to the effect that said sum of \$2,000 has been voted by the town, to be raised by taxation, in



money, and applied to the repair of its public highways, pay over to the treasurer aforesaid the income of said fund then on hand (but not exceeding \$4,000 in any year) to be expended for the repair of the public highways in said town, under the direction of the selectmen or road commissioners, as the town in open town meeting may direct. In case of the failure by said town to raise in any one year, by taxation, said sum of \$2,000, and apply the same to the repair of its public highways, I direct the said trustees and their successors to pay over the income of said fund to my heirs-at-law, during such year, and in case such failure shall be repeated for three successive years, then I direct the said trustees and their successors to terminate this trust, and pay over the balance of the trust fund then in their hands to my heirs-at-law."

#### COPY OF BEQUEST FOR PUBLIC LIBRARY.

"I give and bequeath to my executors hereinafter named, the sum of \$50,000 in trust, for the construction of a library building, and the support of a library for the benefit of the inhabitants of the town of Easton. The building is to be located by my executors at such place in School District No. 7, in Easton, as will in their judgment best accommodate its users. Not more than \$25,000 of the above sum of \$50,000 shall be expended in the purchase of the land and in erecting the library building, and \$10,000 only shall be in the first place expended for books, maps, and furniture for the library, and the remaining \$15,000 shall constitute a permanent fund, to be invested in stock of the Old Colony Railroad Company, the income of which shall be devoted to increasing the library and keeping the building, and its appurtenances and contents in repair. When the building is completed and the library

purchased as aforesaid, I direct my executors to convey the same by a suitable deed of trust, securing the purposes above set forth, to five trustees, to be appointed by the Unitarian Society at North Easton; and the said trustees shall have charge and control of the building and land under and belonging to the same, and of the library and its funds. Any vacancy in the board of trustees shall be filled in the same manner the original appointment is made."







